



Stakeholder Announcement

APHIS Announces New Foreign Service Training Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), International Services (IS) seek candidates for a new APHIS Foreign Service (FS) training program, which is advertised through the Federal employment site, USAJOBS. APHIS will recruit a number of trainees, who upon successful completion of the program will be converted to the APHIS Foreign Service at the FP-4 grade (GS-12 equivalent). Upon completion of the 12-14 month training program and successful completion of all required clearances, the candidate will receive their first Foreign Service assignment abroad. All assignments will be based upon the needs of the Agency.

IS represents APHIS abroad and advances its mission of protecting the health and value of U.S. agriculture and natural resources. The strategic placement of IS' international workforce allows the U.S. to monitor emergent pest and disease threats; safeguard American agriculture; address Sanitary/Phytosanitary issues; develop international strategies and partnerships to thwart the spread of economically devastating pests and diseases; and provide on-the-ground support to protect and expand U.S. agricultural exports abroad. Through the International Capacity Building program, IS facilitates training and technology transfer to assist foreign partners in building their animal and plant health infrastructures which helps to reduce the likelihood of undetected agricultural threat pathways into the U.S. IS promotes safe global trade and facilitates the development of technical regulatory systems internationally.

Requirements for this training program include a Bachelor's Degree or higher in a relevant scientific or technical field, such as biology, veterinary medicine, chemistry, agriculture, entomology or other related fields. Recruitment is open to all U.S. candidates from all sources.

The position is posted to USAJOBS at:
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