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# APHIS Foreign Service

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The APHIS Foreign Service is the foundation for our work overseas. Our officers form lasting relationships in-country, representing America at the highest levels abroad to safeguard U.S. agricultural health.

Our Foreign Service Officers are trained diplomats and technical experts who thrive in a global environment and have a passion for public service. In collaboration with USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, the APHIS Foreign Service applies scientific knowledge to help resolve plant and animal health issues in a variety of dynamic, challenging settings.

Our work supports two critical missions—keeping U.S. agriculture healthy and ensuring market opportunities for American producers.

## Join the Foreign Service!

We seek adaptable, motivated people from all educational backgrounds to join the APHIS Foreign Service. If you want a prestigious career where you can make a difference for U.S. agriculture, come find your future with us!

To become an APHIS Foreign Service Officer, you must:

- have a degree in Plant Pathology, Agriculture, or Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine,
- be a U.S. citizen,
- be available for worldwide assignments, and
- be able to obtain and maintain a U.S. Top Secret Security Clearance and a worldwide medical clearance.

## Are You Ready?

Visit our [Foreign Service careers page](#) to get started. Be sure to watch the 2024 informational webinar and check out our infographic that outlines the seven steps to become an APHIS Foreign Service Officer.

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