



**TEACHING ABROAD
AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
OVERSEAS**

International Programs Office

Why Teach Abroad?

- ❑ Approximately 1.7 billion people are learning and using English worldwide (British Council – 2015)
- ❑ An estimated 250,000 native English speakers work abroad as English teachers in more than 40,000 schools and language institutes.
- ❑ More than 100,000 positions abroad for English teachers open each year.
- ❑ Even if TEFL/TESOL certification is not required, it's helpful to have!



Belize



Costa Rica



Romania

Personal Experiences

JET Programme – Teaching English in Japanese public schools: Elementary/Middle/High School levels.



Hugh taught English in Japan through the JET Programme after graduating from undergrad.

Teaching Abroad (Private & Public Schools)

Teaching Opportunities:

- ❑ Aclipse (China and South Korea)
- ❑ Anglo-American School of Sofia (Bulgaria)
- ❑ Fulbright Brazil English Teaching Assistant Awards
- ❑ English Opens Doors (Chile)
- ❑ CIEE Teach Abroad (Chile, China, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Peru, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Vietnam)
- ❑ Carney Sandoe & Associates (Places teachers and administrators in private, charter, and other schools abroad)
- ❑ JET Programme (Japan)
- ❑ Dave's ESL Café (International Teaching Job Postings and Forum/Advice)



These opportunities and more can be found on the International Program's **Career Building** page:
<http://www2.cortland.edu/offices/international-programs/study-abroad/additional-information/career-building.dot>

Teaching at a K-12 International School

Teaching Opportunities:

- ❑ Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools (Kazakhstan)
- ❑ Teach in Romania (Romania)

- ❑ Teaching opportunities available at international schools worldwide.
- ❑ Competitive benefits (tax-free salaries, housing, transportation, airfare, etc.)
- ❑ Requires applicants to already have their teaching certification.
- ❑ Job Search Resources:
 - ❑ The International Education (TIEonline): www.tieonline.com
 - ❑ International School Services (ISS): www.iss.edu/career-services/
 - ❑ Search Associates: www.searchassociates.com
 - ❑ Council of International Schools (recruitment fairs): www.cois.org
 - ❑ World Teachers: www.worldteachers.net



Teaching Abroad

TEFL/TESOL Certification:

- ❑ Certification to teach English to non-native learners is sometimes, but not always, required for international teaching placements.
- ❑ Check with the job description of the teaching position that you are interested in to see if TEFL/TESOL certification is required.
- ❑ Even if TEFL/TESOL certification is not required, it's helpful to have!
- ❑ International TEFL Academy has detailed resources on how to gain certification, tips on where you can teach, and information on skills that employers are looking for. Visit www.internationalteflacademy.com.
- ❑ Certification is also available through WorldTeach.org, which offers unpaid teaching placements.

<https://www.internationalteflacademy.com/faq/bid/102043/what-is-tefl-and-what-is-tefl-certification>

[Country Information Chart on Teaching English Abroad](#)

Volunteering and Working Abroad

These opportunities allow you to do practical, hands-on work in communities and work with the local population:

- ❑ BUNAC Work (Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand)
- ❑ BUNAC Volunteer (Cambodia, Ecuador, Nepal, South Africa, Tanzania)
- ❑ InterExchange (many locations: [Video on how to obtain a working holiday visa abroad](#))
- ❑ Peace Corps (many locations)
- ❑ Projects Abroad (many locations)
- ❑ Schwarzman Scholars Program (China – Internships)
- ❑ U.S. State Department
- ❑ VIA: Volunteers in Asia (13-15 Month placements, work at NGOs and schools across Asia)
- ❑ [Kate from the States](#) (SUNY Cortland grad who has worked/taught abroad)

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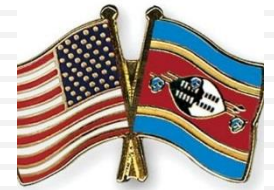
Department of State Internships

Domestic (Washington D.C.)



- Apply online – USA Jobs
- Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs
- Reviewed applications for Study of the U.S. Institutes, created guide for Embassies to promote the program
- Lectures and presentations

Department of State Short Term Assignments



Abroad (Embassies Overseas)



- Student internships can lead to contract work/short-term assignments
- Established Education USA Advising Center
- OVC (Orphans and Vulnerable Children) Grant Management
- Traveled around Swaziland and South Africa promoting U.S. HE



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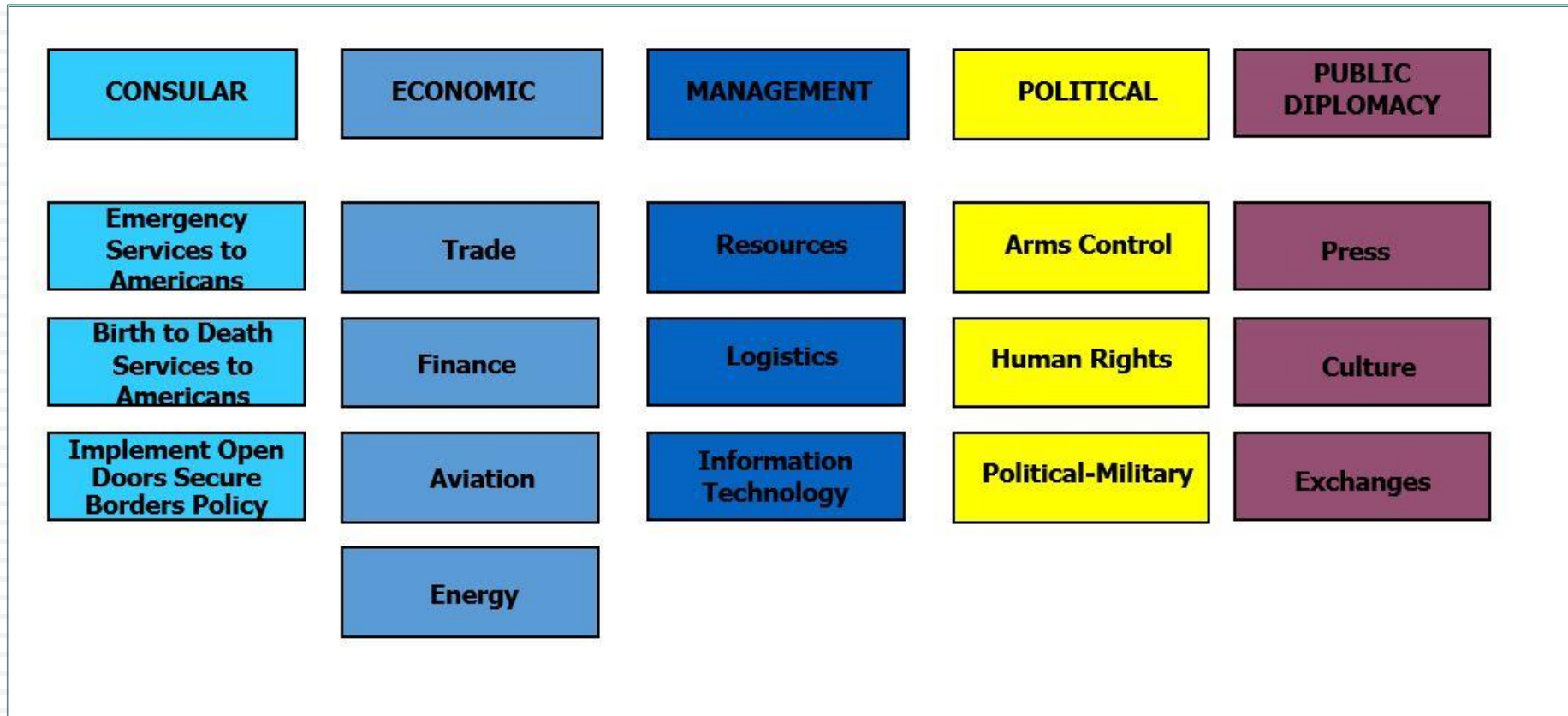
Becoming a Foreign Service Officer

What is a Foreign Service Officer?

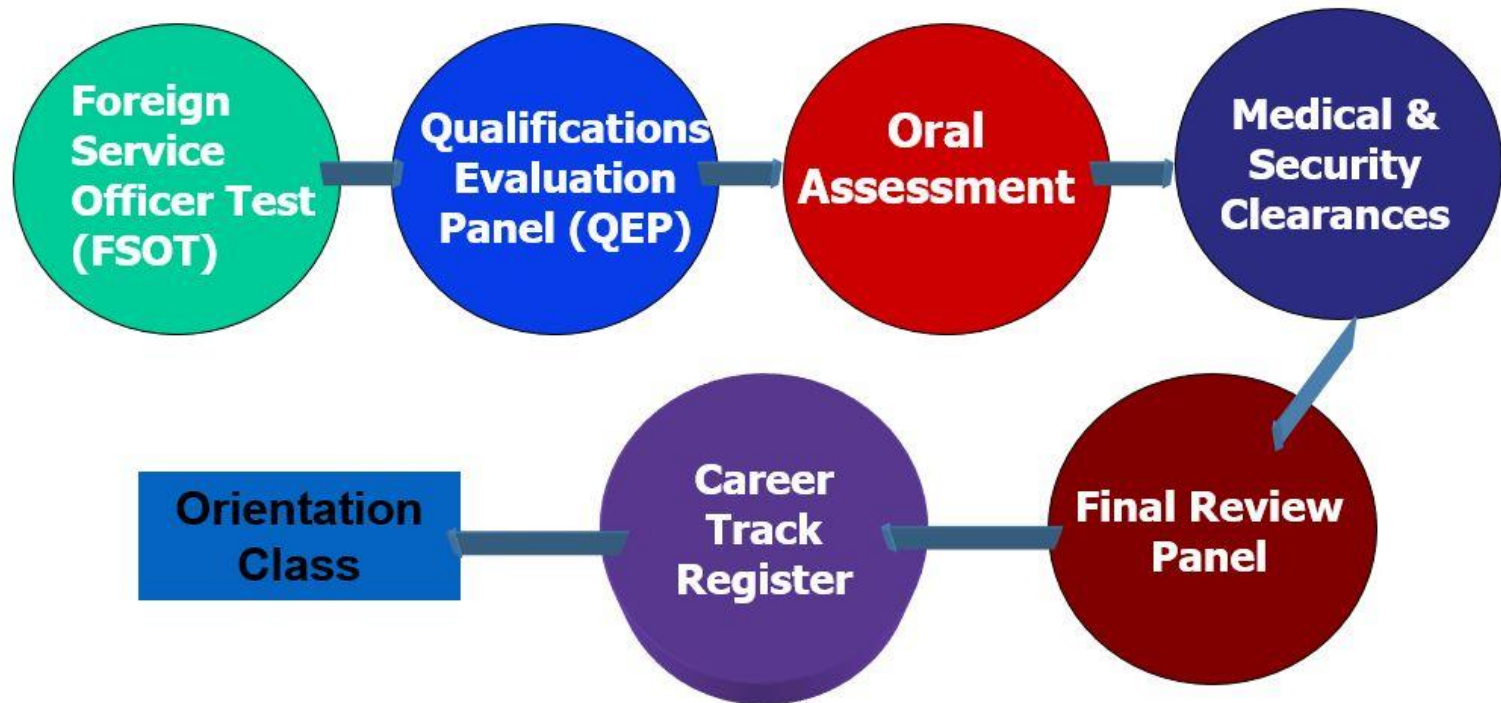
- ❑ Foreign Service Officers (Generalists) and Foreign Service Specialists promote U.S. interests and protect U.S. citizens at U.S. embassies and consulate posts overseas and in Washington, D.C.
- ❑ Foreign Service Workers work in five broad career tracks
- ❑ Foreign Service Specialists perform a variety of technical functions worldwide
- ❑ Most of the Foreign Service career is spent overseas
- ❑ Worldwide availability is a requirement



Organization of an Embassy



Steps to Become an FSO



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