



# The Department

## 7 So You Want a Career at the Department?

- Staff fall into three categories: rotational (foreign service employees), non-rotational (those who stay at headquarters), and locally engaged staff (employees hired directly by our offices abroad).
- If you choose a career in the foreign service, you will become part of a team that vigorously promotes Canada's international interests. You will often work in partnership with other parts of the federal government, provincial governments, municipalities, the private sector, cultural and educational institutions and non-governmental organizations.
- To be in the foreign service is to be a team member, working on Canada's behalf to real and measurable benefit within Canadian society in one of the world's most technologically advanced foreign services.
- In the foreign service, you could work in a variety of roles: as a Trade Commissioner, a Visa Officer, a Political/Economic Officer, or a Management and Consular Affairs Officer. All of these positions are equally open to men and women who meet the eligibility criteria.

### The Role of a Trade Commissioner

- Canada is a trading nation. As a Trade Commissioner, you help Canadian companies develop their foreign business, facilitating market access for Canadian products and services, attracting investment to Canada and marketing Canada's vast capabilities around the world.
- The Canadian business community is the priority client of the Trade Commissioner Service. The main objective of the Service is to help the Canadian business community enter and succeed in foreign markets. We are the contact point for our clients in a foreign market, and our success is a measure of our clients' success.