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Career opportunities in the Canadian Foreign Service are being offered to young men and women university graduates or students in their final year at university by the Department of External Affairs through competitive examinations conducted by the Civil Service Commission.

Appointments as Foreign Service Officers, Grade 1, starting at an initial salary of \$3,480 annually, with opportunities for advancement, will be offered to candidates who are successful in a two-stage competition which begins with a written examination to be held Saturday, November 20, at university centres across Canada and at Canadian diplomatic and consular posts abroad. The required qualifications for candidates are graduation from a university of recognized standing (or, in the case of final-year students, graduation within the current academic year), at least ten years residence in Canada, and age below 31 years.

The competition is not restricted to students of any particular field of study but a relatively high standing in one's own chosen academic discipline is expected. In addition to formal education, other types of training, as well as general experience and knowledge, are taken into consideration in the competition. Candidates who are successful in the written examination will be interviewed by an oral examining board which will make an assessment of general suitability for work in the Foreign Service.

While candidates with the required qualifications actually need not submit their applications until they report to examination centres at 8.45 a.m. on November 20, it would be useful for candidates who are in doubt about their eligibility to forward completed applications to the Civil Service Commission, Ottawa. Copies of standard application forms are available at most post offices in Canada. Further information may be obtained either from the Civil Service Commission or the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa.
