Federal Employment

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SAMPLE FEDERAL JOBS BY MAJOR:

ACCOUNTING

ANTHROPOLOGY
Anthropologists, Museum Curators, Museum Specialists, Program Analysts, Management Analysts

ARTS (FINE AND APPLIED)

BIOLOGY
General Biological Scientists, Entomologists, Fishery Biologists, Microbiologists, Range Conservationists, Wildlife Biologists, Zoologists

BUSINESS
Budget Analysts, Business and Industry Specialist, Commissary Store Managers, Government Accountability Office Analyst, Import Specialists, Internal Revenue Officers

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/LAW ENFORCEMENT
Border Patrol Agents, Criminal Investigators, Internal Revenue Officers, Police Officers, United States Marshals

EDUCATION
Education and Training Specialists, Employee Development Specialists, Public Health Educators, Training Instructors, Instructional Systems Specialists, Educational Services Specialists

ENGINEERING
General Engineers, Civil Engineers, Mechanical Engineers, Electrical Engineers, Electronics Engineers, Aerospace Engineers, Industrial Engineers, Nuclear Engineers, Computer Engineers, Biomedical Engineers

ENGLISH AND LITERATURE
Editorial Assistants, Printing Specialists, Public Affairs Specialists, Technical Writers and Editors, Programs Specialists, Program Analysts, Program Managers, Management Analysts

FOREIGN LANGUAGE
Air Safety Investigators, Border Patrol Agents, Customs Inspectors, Language Specialists, Foreign Affairs Specialists, Intelligence Specialists

GEOGRAPHY / GEOLOGY
Cartographers, Geographers, Geodesists, Geologists, Hydrologists, Oceanographers, General Physical Scientists

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Information Technology Specialists, Computer Specialists, Computer Programmers, Management Analysts, Computer Programmers

PSYCHOLOGY
Employee Development Specialists, Personnel Management Specialists, Psychologists

PUBLIC HEALTH
Environmental Health Technicians, Food Assistance Program Specialists, Food Inspectors, Health System Administrators, Health System Specialists, Industrial Hygienists, Public Health Programs Specialists, Public Health Educators

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Contact Representatives, Foreign Affairs Specialists, Public Affairs Specialists

SOCIOLOGY
Social Science Aids, Social Scientists, Social Service Aids and Assistants, Social Service Representatives, Sociologists

NOTE
This list is just a sample. For more sample federal jobs by major see:
http://www.usajobs.gov/ei/jobsbycollegemajor.asp

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The Nation’s Largest Employer is Hiring
Increasing demand for services and retiring baby boomers mean tens of thousands of job opportunities.

Federal Service is Public Service
Looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of Americans and your community? Federal employees can make a positive difference in the lives of Americans and play a vital role in addressing challenging and pressing national issues.

Federal Jobs Pay Better Than You Think
Low federal pay is a myth. Federal salaries are often competitive with the private sector, plus there are great benefits, job stability and opportunities for advancement.

The Federal Government Can Help Pay for School
Federal agencies may help you pay back up to $10,000 per year in student loans, and some agencies will pick up the tab if you decide to pursue a graduate degree.

You Can Develop a Unique Skill Set
The federal government offers cutting-edge training and professional development, from information technology to foreign language immersion.

There are Federal Jobs Around the Country and Around the World
Nearly 85 percent of federal jobs are outside the D.C. area. Looking to go global? More than 44,000 federal employees work abroad.

The Federal Government Values Diversity
Federal agencies serve as a model to the private sector in achieving workforce diversity, and actively encourage minorities and individuals with disabilities to consider government service through internships and fellowships.

There are Jobs for Every Interest and Major
Not a political science major? Not a problem. There are federal jobs suited to every interest and skill, from art history to zoology.

Federal Jobs Promote Great Work/Life Balance
Agencies offer flexible work schedules, world class benefits, job sharing, onsite child care and other incentives to facilitate a high quality of life.

You Can Make the Difference
The federal government is our most powerful agent in addressing national issues. There is no bigger stage for making an impact.
There are 15 cabinet-level agencies that are responsible for a broad range of national priorities. The following are examples of 4 of the cabinet-level agencies and a brief overview of their vital functions.

### Employment Options:

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<th>Department of Commerce</th>
<th>Department of State</th>
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<td>• Regulates U.S. commercial transactions, and promotes the export of U.S. goods and services.</td>
<td>• Represents U.S. foreign policy in embassies and missions around the world.</td>
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<td>• Collects data to support business and government.</td>
<td>• Promotes freedom, security, and global stability.</td>
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<td>• Provides patent and trademark protection.</td>
<td>• Negotiates treaties and guides national foreign policy.</td>
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<td>• Develops programs and regulations concerning food safety and medical research.</td>
<td>• Ensures the safety of vehicles and travelers.</td>
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<td>• Oversees national health and well-being for all populations.</td>
<td>• Sets policies for railroads, highways, and seaways.</td>
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<td>• Gives grants to agencies to provide essential health services.</td>
<td>• Builds and supports the nation’s transportation infrastructure.</td>
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### Other Cabinet Departments include:

- Department of Agriculture, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Housing And Urban Development, Department of The Interior, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of The Treasury, Department of Veterans Affairs

A wide range of additional employment opportunities are also available in the 63 non-cabinet level agencies. For example:

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<th>General Services Administration</th>
<th>Small Business Administration</th>
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<td>• Develops and implements policies for government effectiveness and efficiency.</td>
<td>• Aids and protects the interests of small business.</td>
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<td>• Secures the buildings, products, technology, and other essentials Federal agencies need.</td>
<td>• Helps small businesses obtain government contracts.</td>
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<th>Corporation for National &amp; Community Service</th>
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<td>• Supports voluntary service through Americorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America.</td>
<td>• Preserves our nation’s history by overseeing the management of all federal records and documents.</td>
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<td>• Works with nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and schools to strengthen communities.</td>
<td>• Maintains presidential records, personal papers and gifts.</td>
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**Note**

Learn more about Cabinet Departments and Federal Agencies at [http://www.gogovernment.org](http://www.gogovernment.org)
TOP AREAS WHERE GOVERNMENT IS HIRING:

Medical and Public Health - 54,114 PROJECTED HIRES
Occupational areas and positions include physician (all disciplines), nursing, dietician/nutrition, occupational and rehabilitation therapy, radiology, pharmacy, industrial hygiene and consumer safety.

Security and Protection - 52,077 PROJECTED HIRES
Occupational areas and positions include intelligence analysis, international relations, foreign affairs, security administration, transportation security officer, park ranger, correctional officer and police officer.

Compliance and Enforcement - 31,276 PROJECTED HIRES
Occupational areas and positions include inspectors, investigators (including criminal), customs and border patrol and protection, import specialist and customs inspection.

Legal - 23,596 PROJECTED HIRES
Occupational areas and positions include attorney, contact representative, paralegal, passport/visa examining and claims examining/assistance.

Administration/Program Management - 17,287 PROJECTED HIRES
Occupational areas and positions include human resources, equal employment opportunity, management/program analysis, telecommunications and a variety of clerical support activities.

PATHWAYS PROGRAMS:

The Internship Program is for current students enrolled in a wide variety of educational institutions with paid opportunities to work in agencies and explore Federal careers while still in school. It provides work experience that is directly related to the student’s academic program and career goals. Students then, following successful completion of their academic and work experience requirements, may be eligible for conversion to a permanent job in the civil service.

The Recent Graduates Program is for individuals who have recently graduated from qualifying educational institutions or programs and seek a dynamic career development program with training and mentorship. To be eligible, applicants must apply within two years of degree or certificate completion (except for veterans precluded from doing so due to their military service obligation, who will have up to six years to apply). This one-year program affords developmental experiences in the Federal Government intended to promote possible careers in the civil service.

Presidential Management Fellows Program has been the Federal government’s flagship leadership development program for advanced degree candidates. It is open to students who have/will have received a qualifying advanced degree (masters or doctorate) within the preceding two years. The program attracts and selects from among the best candidates and is designed to develop a cadre of potential Federal Government leaders.

Resources used for this handout:

