



HELPFUL LINKS AND WEBSITES

FOR NAVIGATING THE FOREIGN SERVICE APPLICATION PROCESS

STUDY GUIDES AND MATERIALS

Many valuable documents and study materials can be found on the Downloads page of the careers.state.gov website:

<https://careers.state.gov/downloads/>

- The DOS Careers Mobile App has over 500 sample questions, as well as videos of employees and their work.
- **Foreign Service Officer Test Information:**
 - <https://careers.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/FS-Selection-Process-Information-Guide-Dec-2019.pdf>
- **Becoming a Foreign Service Officer/Specialist Guide:**
 - <https://careers.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Becoming-a-Foreign-Service-Officer-Specialist.pdf>

SUGGESTED READING AND COURSE LISTS

Suggested Reading List:

- <https://careers.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Suggested-Reading-List-Aug2013.pdf>

Suggested Courses List:

- <https://careers.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Suggested-Course-List.pdf>

WHERE TO FIND UPCOMING EVENTS

Recruitment Events:

<https://careers.state.gov/connect/events/>

Upcoming Events, National Museum of American Diplomacy:

<https://diplomacy.state.gov/events/>



SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

- **Facebook**
 - <https://www.facebook.com/doscareers?ref=ts>
- **Twitter**
 - <https://twitter.com/doscareers>
- **LinkedIn**
 - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/doscareers>
- **Instagram**
 - <https://www.instagram.com/doscareers/>



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INTERVIEWS WITH EMPLOYEES

- **Employee Videos:**
 - <https://careers.state.gov/learn/who-we-are/videos/>
- **Interview with an Examiner:**
 - <https://www.facebook.com/127692170631864/videos/593792491258235>
- **Writing your Personal Statement**
 - <https://www.facebook.com/144214855636306/videos/681231235688802>
- **Foreign Service 101**
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_BwkiMVu3l8
- **Foreign Service Mythbusting**
 - <https://www.facebook.com/dirnwest/videos/487236706011241>
- **Department of State YouTube Page**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6ZhpmNnLxlOYipqh8wbM3A>
 - For job specific videos, go to the playlist: [Careers@State](#)

ADDITIONAL USEFUL LINKS

- **American Foreign Service Association:**
 - <http://afsa.org>
- **Foreign Policy Classroom:**
 - <https://www.state.gov/foreign-policy-classroom/>
- **National Museum of American Diplomacy:**
 - <https://diplomacy.state.gov>

CONNECTING WITH DIPLOMATS IN RESIDENCE



- **There are valuable resources, including FB Live Events and additional Employee Interviews on each of the DIR Facebook pages. Here are links to a few of the 16 DIR's:**
 - [Northwest:](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/dirnwest/>
 - [DC Metro:](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/dirdcmetro/>
 - [New York Metro:](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/DIRNYMetro/>
 - [Midwest:](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/dirmidwest/>
 - [South Florida:](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/DIRSouthFlorida/>
 - [Central South:](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/DIRCentralSouth/>
 - [Southern California:](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/dirsocal/>
 - [Southwest:](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/dirswest/>