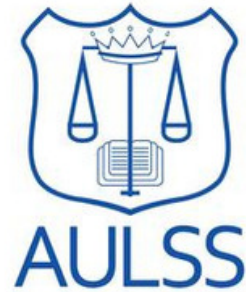


FINDING A POSITION

Positions with the government in policy and international affairs vary significantly in terms of the type of work, extent of legal knowledge required and career options.

Each government organisation has its own separate recruitment program. Most will offer a standardised graduate recruitment scheme in the first half of the year. Some may offer seasonal internships. Keep an eye on the recruitment pages of the organisations you are interested in to find out more.



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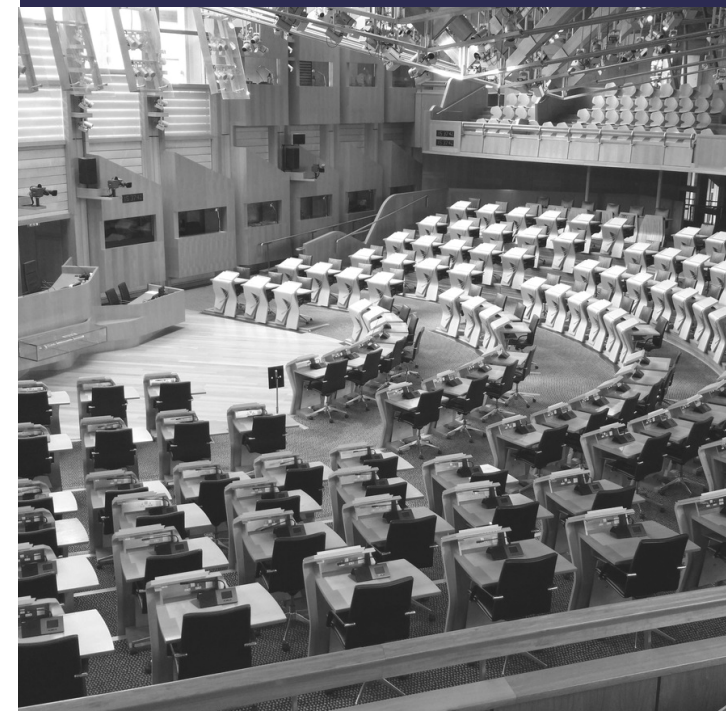
ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

Students working in government, policy and international relations can expect to work on complex and varied projects. A good grasp of current affairs and strong communication skills will serve you well.

The nature of the skills necessary will vary greatly depending on which government department you are interested in. Think about how you can demonstrate interest in the area, whether it be learning a language, exchange, work experience or learning about the specialist area (finance, science, regional politics).



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

DFAT provides policy advice to the government to assist in coordinating Australia's global, regional and bilateral interests. With many different career options in the organisation, it is ideal for students interested in international affairs.

DFAT have a two-year graduate program with five placements. Applications generally open in February.

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION

The ACCC promotes competition and fair trade in markets to benefit consumers, businesses and the community, as well as regulating national infrastructure services.

The ACCC has a one year graduate program. Keep an eye on their website for 2020 opening dates.

The following organisations offer graduate schemes (G) or internships (I)

GOVERNMENT

- Attorney General's Department (G, I)
- Australian Defence Force (G)
- Australian Government Solicitor (G)
- Australian Law Reform Commission (I)
- Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (G)
- Australian Securities and Investment Commission (G)
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (G)
- Australian Secret Intelligence Service (G)
- Crown Solicitors Office SA (G, I)
- Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet (G)
- Reserve Bank of Australia (G, I)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Human Rights Watch (I)
- International Chamber of Commerce (I)
- International Court of Justice (I)
- International Criminal Court (I)
- International Monetary Fund (I)
- United Nations (I)
- UNICEF (I)
- World Bank (I)
- World Trade Organisation (I)

AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Commission reports to the Federal government and works to combat age discrimination, children's rights, disability rights, race discrimination and more in order to ensure Australia is meeting its human rights commitments.

Vacancies are advertised on their website on an as-needs basis. The Commission offers an internship program, advertised online during the year.

AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE

The ATO are responsible for interpreting and administering Australia's tax laws for individuals, businesses, not-for-profits and other entities.

The ATO have a 12 month graduate plan. Applications generally open early in the new year. Casual vacancies and student positions are also advertised on their website.