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DIPLOMACY PROTECTS THE WORLD

BE PART OF OUR LEGACY

The Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) operates on a global platform to ensure that the U.S. Department of State can safely and securely conduct diplomacy. As the law enforcement and security arm of the Department, DS is a global leader in the protection of people, property, and information. Every diplomatic mission in the world operates under a security program developed and managed by DS.

As a member of the team, you will be responsible for continuing the DS legacy of providing safety and security, and meeting the challenges of protecting personnel and sensitive information at diplomatic locations worldwide.

As a Security Technical Specialist, you can explore many unique cultures while providing technical expertise and securing our diplomatic information and facilities.

Eric | Security Technical Specialist

SERVE AND PROTECT DIPLOMACY

Since the establishment of the position in 1999, Security Technical Specialists have played a critical role in safeguarding U.S. embassies and consulates from technical espionage, acts of terrorism, and other crimes.

Drawing on their technical expertise, Security Technical Specialists install and maintain complex security equipment such as access control systems, X-ray machines, explosives detection equipment, vehicle barrier systems, and more. They manage and supervise these high-tech projects with the singular purpose of securing U.S. Department of State personnel, information, and facilities worldwide. Security Technical Specialists meet each challenge with curiosity and enthusiasm, ensuring the support and safety of U.S. diplomats throughout the world.

Security Technical Specialists apply their acute skillsets to serve and protect our nation. And you can, too.

DIPLOMACY DEFEATS TERRORISM

MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON A GLOBAL SCALE

As a Security Technical Specialist, you will be the technical systems and security expert at your embassy or consulate. Every day, you will deliver on the Department's mission to protect diplomacy worldwide and overcome any challenges that may arise.

Throughout your career, you will be responsible for managing complex technical systems and overseeing their installation and maintenance at U.S. embassies and consulates across the globe. You will use your knowledge of technology to provide the best in technical security—no matter where your assignment takes you.

As a Security Technical Specialist in the Foreign Service, you will have rewarding opportunities to:

- **Employ technical expertise** – serve as the subject matter expert for technical security systems at your assigned location.
- **Manage technical counterparts** – coordinate training and day-to-day operations for locally employed security technicians abroad.
- **Explore diverse work environments** – embrace continually changing assignments in domestic offices, as well as U.S. embassies and consulates throughout the world.
- **Support and secure** – provide technical support and safeguard sensitive information for the U.S. Secretary of State, visiting foreign dignitaries, and U.S. diplomatic facilities.

A Security Technical Specialist career is never the same, be it day-to-day, month-to-month, or even year-to-year. Even while serving domestically, you are well prepared to take on an assignment anywhere in the world at any given time—always ready for a new challenge in a different location.

To apply, you must be a U.S. citizen with a high school diploma or equivalent degree and must be at least 20 years old to apply and at least 21 years old to be appointed. All candidates must be appointed to the Foreign Service one month before reaching the age of 60 (preference eligible veterans excepted).

To be considered, you must be able to obtain a Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS/SCI) security clearance.

To learn more about the requirements, visit **careers.state.gov/ds**.

In return for your service, you will have access to continued training and career development programs; health and medical coverage; federal retirement benefits; and generous paid leave. When serving overseas, you will receive paid housing or an appropriate housing allowance, and paid education for dependent children (K-12).

DIPLOMACY EMBRACES DIVERSITY

Diversity is an important attribute that empowers us all to be better leaders and encourages problem solving, which enhances our mission of promoting diplomacy.

Le'Vaughn | Security Technical Specialist

CREATE CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

The U.S. Department of State is committed to creating a workforce that represents the diversity of America and recognizes its employees' rich experiences, talents, knowledge, and personal characteristics.

Diversity and inclusion are vital to the Department's global mission. They bring innovation and creativity to the workplace, encourage fresh perspectives that inspire new ideas, and spark positive change—both at home and abroad.

Security Technical Specialists are a diverse group of individuals who represent all cultures, races, religions, and backgrounds. As members of the Diplomatic Security Service, they are adaptable, strategic thinkers from all walks of life. Given that travel and supporting others highlight their careers, Security Technical Specialists benefit from their unique points of view and cultural awareness while serving under a broad range of conditions.