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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0179-15

Thank you for your email of 18 February 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

If your organisation is currently running any Graduate schemes or internships?

If not, does the organisation have any plans to do so in the future?

If it does, does the organisation outsource the recruitment campaigns for the schemes? Which provider is this outsourced to?

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

The FCO offers a range of internship schemes for recent graduates, undergraduates and school age students. Many internships and work experience programmes are aimed at individuals from backgrounds that are currently under-represented in our workforce. Details of all the internship schemes we offered during 2014/15 are available on our 'Working for FCO' web page:

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-office/about/recruitment#work-experience

You'll note that some are FCO specific schemes and others are centrally run Civil Service schemes that the FCO participates in.

Information about our 2015/16 internship schemes, which may be different from those offered in 2014/15, will be on the webpage around Easter and there will also be an announcement made on our '@fcocareers' Twitter account.

The FCO uses recruitment agencies to attract a wide range of applicants to ensure its work force is as diverse and highly skilled as possible. A competitive tendering process is run to select an agency for each external recruitment campaign. Capita Resourcing was selected to run our 2014/15 Graduate Internship Scheme recruitment campaign and our summer 2014 Future Talent Scheme.

Capita resourcing has also recently been selected to run our 2015/16 Graduate Internship Scheme. The recruitment campaign is currently in the planning stage.

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Yours sincerely,

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