



Hreinn Pálsson - Curriculum Vitae

Professional Experience:

- 2025 – 18. July – Ambassador Designate to Japan
- 2025 - Ambassador in the Icelandic Foreign Service
- 2021 – 2025 - Head of Human Resources - Director General, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- 2017 – 2021 – Deputy Chief of Mission, also Defence Attaché to the United States and National Liaison Representative of Iceland to NATO ACT in Norfolk, Embassy of Iceland Washington D.C.
- 2013-2017 – Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Iceland Moscow
- 2011-2013 – Director, Translation Centre, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- 2009-2011 – Consul General and Commissioner General of Iceland's participation at EXPO 2010, Consulate General of Iceland in Shanghai.
- 2005-2009 – Deputy to the Director of Administrations, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- 2005 - Assistant to the Commercial Officer, US Embassy in Reykjavík.
- 2005 – Temporary Officer, Embassy of Iceland in Washington D.C.

Other responsibilities at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs:

- Secretary of the Honors Committee for the Foreign Service Badge of Honour since July 2024
- Selection Committee for the appointment of Ambassadors in the Icelandic Foreign Service 2023.
- Committee for the takeover of US Navy defence zones in Iceland and committee on the establishment of the Icelandic Defence Agency 2007 - 2008.
- Chairman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Staff Association 2012-2013 and on the board of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Staff Association 2007-2009 and 2011-2013.

Education:

Master of International Studies – Diplomacy, University of Birmingham UK 2004

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Louisiana State University USA 2003

Certificate in Human resources, Duke University USA 2020

NATO School Senior Officer Policy Course 2017 and Staff Officer Orientation 2007.

Languages: Icelandic, English, German and Danish