

SUPERIOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

For scientific and engineering positions which do not require prior experience, candidates who have earned a college degree within the most recent two years and who meet criteria of *superior academic achievement* can qualify for higher grades than those for which they would otherwise be eligible. The table below provides the criteria for each grade and indicates for the higher grades the kinds of positions which may be filled by candidates with such qualifications.

Grade	Degree	Criteria
GS-7	BACHELOR'S	Upper 25% of his class; or "B" average or better; or "B+" (3.5) average or better in applicable major field; or Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, or a national honorary subject-matter scholastic society; or Scored 600 or better on an appropriate Area Test or Advanced Test in the Graduate Record Examination. <i>Note:</i> The grade averages may be based on completed courses at the time of application or the last two years of the undergraduate curriculum.