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Student Programs

The U.S. Department of State offers programs that help students gain experience and insight into our work, as well as a number of fellowships that assist in funding your education and can lead to employment. For more information and to learn about our many student programs and career opportunities visit careers.state.gov. There, you can also register under "Keep Me Informed" to receive updates on open vacancies and other relevant information and receive more information to determine which opportunity is best for you.

U.S. Department of State Unpaid Student Internships are offered for 10 weeks during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters in Washington, D.C., and at U.S. embassies and consulates overseas. To apply, you must be a U.S. citizen, have completed at least 60 credit hours at an accredited university by the time the internship begins, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and be enrolled in school the semester prior to and immediately following your internship. Both graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply. Historically, applications are due in mid-October for summer internships, March for fall internships, and July for spring internships. For more information and to check specific application deadlines, visit careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships.

Virtual Student Foreign Service Internship (VSFS): VSFS interns are partnered with Department of State diplomatic posts overseas and domestic offices, as well as with eleven other agencies. The application period opens in July and those selected are notified in early September. All VSFS interns are unpaid and volunteer ten hours a week from September to May. Duties vary according to the location and needs of the office. Most projects are internet-based and some have language requirements. To learn more, visit state.gov/vsfs.

Pathways is a federal government-wide program designed to introduce students and recent graduates to a career in federal service. For more information and to apply, visit usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads.

1. The Internship Temporary Experience Program (ITEP) and the Internship Experience Program (IEP) offer paid employment for students while they attend school. To be eligible, you must be a U.S. citizen; at least 16 years old; and enrolled or accepted as a student (full-time or part-time) in a qualifying high school, vocational school, undergraduate program, or graduate program, with a GPA of at least 2.0. For more information, visit: careers.state.gov/intern/pathways.

2. The Recent Graduates Program hires U.S. citizens who have completed a qualifying associates, bachelors, masters, professional, doctorate, vocational or technical degree, or certificate from a qualifying educational institution within the last two years (up to six years for veterans who were precluded from applying due to military service). These one-year (or two-year program for Passport Specialists), paid, full-time positions include training and development, and candidates who successfully complete the program may be eligible for conversion into the Civil Service. For more information, visit: opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-information/students-recent-graduates/#graduates.

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3. The Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) is a two-year, paid, full-time leadership development program with the federal government for candidates who have completed an advanced degree within the last two years and have a clear interest in public service. Applications are typically accepted annually in November. For more information, visit pmf.gov.

The Workforce Recruitment (WRP) is a federal-government wide program that offers highly-motivated college students and recent graduates with disabilities the opportunity to market their abilities to federal hiring managers across the country who are looking for candidates to fill both summer/temporary positions as well as full-time/permanent positions in a wide variety of career fields. Employees’ grades and pay levels are determined by college credits and experience at the time of employment. To apply, candidates must be U.S. citizens and either current, full-time undergraduate or graduate students with a disability, or have graduated within one year of the release of the database each December. For more information, visit wrp.gov.

In addition, the U.S. Department of State partners with other organizations to offer Fellowships that facilitate entry into the Foreign Service:

The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program offers funding for a two-year graduate program with a U.S. institution. For more information, visit rangelprogram.org.

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship provides funding for a two-year graduate program with a U.S. institution. For more information, visit twc.edu/pickering16.

The Foreign Affairs Information Technology Fellowship offers funding for undergraduate junior and senior years or a two-year graduate program in an IT-related major. For more information, visit twc.edu/foreign-affairs-information-technology-fellowship-program.

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The Rangel Summer Enrichment Program provides undergraduates with the opportunity to enhance their skills, knowledge and understanding about foreign policy and international affairs careers during a six-week summer program at Howard University. The Rangel Summer Enrichment Program is a U.S. Department of State Program administered by Howard University that promotes excellence and diversity in the U.S. Foreign Service.

The program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women and those with financial need.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Eligibility Requirements
- Full-time undergraduate students with at least sophomore status on the date of the application deadline
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale at the time of application
- U.S. citizenship

Program Elements
- Two for-credit courses at Howard University and an intensive professional writing seminar
- Outside activities in and around Washington, DC to learn about careers in international affairs, particularly with the State Department
- Professional development training
- The program covers room and board (at Howard University), tuition, travel to and from Washington, DC, and provides each scholar with a stipend.

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Charles B. Rangel Graduate Fellowship

Eligibility

Applicants must
- be U.S. citizens
- be seeking admission to enter graduate school in the fall of 2019 for a two-year program in an area of relevance to the Foreign Service at a U.S.-based university
- have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application

Program Elements

- Support for graduate studies of up to $37,500 per year for a two-year program
- Two summer internships (Capitol Hill and overseas at U.S. Embassies/Consulates)
- Mentoring from a Foreign Service Officer
- Employment in the State Department Foreign Service for those who successfully complete the program and meet Foreign Service entry requirements, in accordance with applicable law and State Department policy

Application Deadline: September 17, 2018

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PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- An orientation to the Program and the Foreign Service at Howard University in Washington, D.C.
- Two summer internships, one at the State Department in Washington, D.C., in summer 2020 and one overseas at a U.S. embassy in summer 2021.
- Up to $37,500 annually toward tuition and mandatory fees for a two-year master’s degree in fields related to the Foreign Service such as Business Administration, Economics, Public Policy, and International Relations at a U.S.-based institution.
- Mentoring from a Foreign Service Officer throughout the fellowship.
- Employment in the State Department Foreign Service for those who successfully complete the program and meet Foreign Service entry requirements, in accordance with applicable law and State Department policy, with each Fellow committing to a minimum of five years of service.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be seeking admission to graduate school in fall 2019 for a two-year program at a U.S.-based institution
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application

DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

Email: pickeringfellowship@howard.edu
Website: www.pickeringfellowship.org

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The Consular Fellows Program is a temporary appointment of up to five years that offers a competitive salary, paid housing for you and your family while overseas, and the opportunity to receive a recruitment bonus and participate in the Student Loan Repayment Plan (SLRP).

Learn more about the Consular Fellows Program by visiting:

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