



It's time to start applying for fellowships!

If you are a rising senior (or are entering your last year of your BA) and looking to work in the Foreign Service, this issue is for you! Even if you're not, you will be one day, so do some research via this lovely newsletter.

What is a Fellowship?

Fellowships are short-term learning opportunities that typically span from a few months to two years. Many associations sponsor fellowships to give financial support to budding young professionals in exchange for their work in the field.

What is the Foreign Service?

The mission of a U.S. diplomat in the Foreign Service is to promote peace, support prosperity, and protect American citizens while advancing the interests of the U.S. abroad. If you're passionate about public service and want to represent the U.S. around the world, a challenging and rewarding career is waiting for you. The opportunity to work and experience cultures, customs and people of different nations is truly a career unlike any other. Explore a career in the Foreign Service and start your journey with the Department today. Start by looking at [where we work](#), or taking the quiz to find out if the [Foreign Service is right for you](#), or [what career track is the best fit](#).

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship

The Pickering Graduate Fellowship is a U.S. Department of State program, administered by Howard University, that seeks to attract and prepare outstanding young people for careers as Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State. The Program will select 45 Fellows for the 2021 program, a 50% increase over the 30 Fellows selected in 2020.

The Program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need. Based on the fundamental principle that diversity is a strength in our diplomatic efforts, the program values varied backgrounds, including ethnic, racial, social, and geographic diversity. Applicants with any undergraduate major are welcome to apply. Selected Fellows will receive support for graduate school and will enter exciting and rewarding careers representing the United States overseas.

Program Benefits

- An orientation to the Program and the Foreign Service at Howard University in Washington, D.C. in early summer 2021 for the newly selected Pickering Fellows.
- Two summer internships, one in Washington, D.C. in the summer 2022 and one overseas at a U.S. embassy or consulate in summer 2023.
- Up to \$84,000 over two years toward tuition, fees and living expenses 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 duration of the Program.
- 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 Requirements

- U.S. citizenship.
- Seeking admission to graduate school in fall 2021 for a two-year graduate program in an area of relevance to the Foreign Service at a U.S.-based institution.
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.

Application Deadline:

October 21, 2020

Website:

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The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship Program

The Rangel Graduate Fellowship is a premier U.S. Department of State program created to attract diverse talent to its Foreign Service. The program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need. The fellowship seeks individuals committed to promoting positive change in the world as U.S. diplomats for the Foreign Service. Selected fellows will receive support for graduate school, internships, and professional development. The fellowship provides a pathway to a uniquely rewarding career as a Foreign Service Officer representing the United States of America. Applicants must be college seniors or graduates, can come from any academic discipline and must be seeking entry into graduate school in fall 2021.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizenship
- Seeking admission to graduate school in fall 2021 for a two-year program in an area of relevance to the Foreign Service at a U.S.-based institution
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.

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Program Benefits

- An orientation to the program and the Foreign Service at Howard University in Washington, D.C. in late spring 2021.
- Two summer internships, one on Capitol Hill in summer 2021 and one overseas at a U.S. embassy or consulate in summer 2022.
- Up to \$84,000 over two years toward tuition, fees and living expenses 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.
- Expanded graduate school program eligibility includes a range of management related programs.
- Mentoring from a Foreign Service Officer throughout the duration of 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 Rangel Fellow committing to a minimum of five years of service.