



This edition has a little something for everyone...

Second year students - US Foreign Service Internship Program

The U.S. Foreign Service Internship Program (USFSIP) is a merit and need-based opportunity that offers two PAID summer internships to expose undergraduate students to U.S. diplomacy and the Department of State at large. USFSIP consists of participation for two consecutive summers.

In the first summer (2021), participants come to Washington, D.C. for three weeks of training including: U.S. diplomatic history, Department writing, and professional development. Following the training, interns work for seven weeks on policy desks in regional and functional bureaus at State. The second summer (2022) is a ten-week assignment to a U.S. embassy overseas. In the intervening year, USFSIP interns must maintain at least a 3.2 GPA and take the Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT) to gain a better understanding of the Foreign Service assessment process.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be U.S. citizens, currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program
- Cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above
- Must be rising juniors or seniors when they start the program (i.e., in their sophomore or junior year when applying).
- Must be able to obtain a Secret security clearance
- Must be available to participate in Summer I program dates of June 8 - August 13, 2021.

Benefits: Students are paid for their time at a GS-4 equivalent. The U.S. Department of State provides travel reimbursement and housing assistance for both summers. Students also receive additional training through the Foreign Service Institute (FSI) and further mentoring from experienced State Department personnel.

Selection: A multi-level selection process will be conducted to select new interns. Demonstrated financial need/adversity and merit are key factors in the selection process. Other selection criteria are tied to the following dimensions sought in Foreign Service candidates: Cultural Adaptability; Information Integration and Analysis; Initiative and Leadership; Judgment; Oral Communication; Written Communication; Planning and Organizing; Working with Others.

How to apply: Students will submit an online application via USAJOBS that includes a statement of interest, statement of financial need/adversity, short essays, current academic transcripts, and a PDF copy of their FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) if applicable.

Students who want to learn more - The Cox-State Department Diplomacy Seminar

The Cox-State Department Diplomacy Seminar is a fully-funded professional exploration program to be held virtually, October 18-22, 2020. The program is designed to allow current undergraduate students to gain a better understanding of the role of the Foreign Service in advancing diplomacy and to learn about the educational, internship and career opportunities in the Foreign Service and Civil Service at the U.S. Department of State. The Seminar will also highlight the work of U.S. Foreign Service Officers, whose job is to promote peace, support prosperity, and protect American citizens while advancing the interests of the U.S. abroad. Participants will expand their knowledge of diplomatic careers through workshops and interactions with international affairs experts and Foreign Service Officers at the U.S. Department of State and other Federal agencies. Upon completion of the program, students will be asked to serve as a Student Ambassador for the remainder of the academic year and engage in at least two activities that promote career opportunities available at the Department.

Tuition:

The Cox Foundation will cover tuition for all program participants.

Important Dates

- The Program will be held virtually, **October 18-22, 2020**
- Applications will open on **August 3, 2020**
- Applications are due by **11:59pm PST, August 26, 2020**
- All applicants will be notified of the decision by **September 18, 2020**

The application can be found at

bit.ly/2020DipSemApp

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be 18 years of age or older by October 18, 2020 and must be enrolled in an undergraduate program, or demonstrate intent to return within one year if not currently enrolled
- Have an established grade point average of 3.2 or above
- Be able to participate in all aspects of the program for the full duration of the virtual program.

Students interested in Development - USAID Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship Program

The USAID Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship Program identifies and trains outstanding individuals for careers in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Named in honor of longtime development champion, the late Congressman Donald M. Payne, the program is funded by USAID and administered by Howard University. The Payne Fellowship encourages the application of members of historically underrepresented groups in international development careers and those with financial need. Selected through a rigorous nationwide competition every year, Payne Fellows attend U.S. graduate programs throughout the country, participate in professional development activities in Washington D.C. and complete internships on Capitol Hill and at USAID Missions abroad.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizenship.
- Seeking admission to a two-year graduate school program at a U.S. university in the Fall of 2021. Applicants may be in the senior year of their undergraduate studies, graduating by June 2021, or they may be college graduates with years of professional experience.
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.

Program Benefits

- An orientation to the Program and the USAID Foreign Service at Howard University in Washington, D.C.
- Support for graduate studies of up to \$38,000 per year for a two-year program.
- Up to \$10,000 per year in stipend, housing, transportation and related expenses for summer internships.
- Mentoring from a USAID Foreign Service Officer.
- Employment in the USAID Foreign Service for those who successfully complete the program and meet Foreign Service entry requirements, in accordance with applicable laws and USAID policy, with each Fellow committing to a minimum of five years of service.

Application Deadline:

November 1, 2020

Website:

www.paynefellows.org

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