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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 2.5 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 1 for fall internships, and July 1 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 office, as well as with eleven other agencies. The application period opens July 2-22 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-authorities/students-recent-graduates/#url=graduates.



I've experienced the satisfaction of seeing an idea grow from infancy into a program that impacts foreign policy abroad.

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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 and 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 graduate fellowships to 30 outstanding college seniors and graduates from all ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds who want to join the Foreign Service. The Fellowship helps finance two-year graduate programs in the U.S., provides two paid internships (one Congressional and one at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad) and facilitates entry into the Foreign Service for Fellows who successfully complete the program. **The Rangel Scholars Program** accepts 15 undergraduates to participate in a six-week Summer Enrichment Program to prepare global-minded undergraduates for careers in international affairs. Both programs seek applicants with a strong academic background, a commitment to service, and an interest in making a difference in the world. For more information, visit rangelprogram.org.

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship seeks to attract 30 outstanding college seniors and graduates from all ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds with an interest in pursuing a Foreign Service career. The Fellowship includes funding toward tuition, room, and board for two years of graduate study in the U.S. and provides two paid internships with the U.S. Department of State: one in Washington, D.C., and one at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad. The Department facilitates entry into the Foreign Service for Fellows who successfully complete the program requirements. For more information, visit twc.edu/pickering16.

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