



Fellowships for Those Interested in Careers in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State

*Promoting Excellence and Diversity in the State
Department Foreign Service*

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What is the Foreign Service?

- **U.S. diplomatic corps working in over 270 posts around the world and in U.S. locations**
 - Promote peace, security, prosperity, freedom and respect for human dignity
 - Help Americans overseas in times of crisis
 - Promote human rights and combat trafficking in persons
 - Coordinate on security and conflict resolution
 - Manage large embassy communities
 - Promote dialogue, exchanges, and understanding
 - Facilitate international trade and cooperation on environmental issues

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program Overview

- Prepares young people for careers in international affairs
- Promotes excellence and diversity in U.S. presence abroad
- Howard University administers the program under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of State
- Two components
 - The Rangel International Affairs **Graduate Fellowship**
 - The Rangel International Affairs **Summer Enrichment Program**



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Charles B. Rangel Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)

- **Provides undergraduate students with**
 - A deeper understanding of current issues and career opportunities in international affairs
 - Enhanced appreciation, knowledge, and skills to pursue such careers
- **Takes place at Howard University in Washington, DC and includes:**
 - Academic courses
 - Site visits
 - Professional skills training
 - Networking with foreign affairs professionals
- **Scholars receive tuition, travel, room and board, and a stipend of \$3,200**



Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizenship
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.2
- Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students with at least sophomore status

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Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship



- Up to \$84,000 over two years
 - Up to \$24,000 per year for tuition and mandatory fees
 - \$18,000 living stipend during academic year
- Up to \$11,000 per year for two internships
- Some graduate programs provide supplemental financial assistance

Eligibility Requirements



- U.S. citizenship
- Cumulative 3.2 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Planning to enroll in a two-year master's program for Fall 2022
 - Field of study relevant to the U.S. Foreign Service (examples: international affairs, business administration, public administration, management)
 - Graduate school applications are separate from the Rangel Graduate Fellowship application

Orientation

- One-week program in mid-May at Howard University
 - Medical exams and clearances
- Professional development activities
- State Department Visit
- Foreign Service Officer meetings
- Congressional orientation
- Professional development activities and social events throughout the summer





Congressional Internship

- Takes place after orientation and summer before grad school
- Work on Capitol Hill for Member of Congress or committee staff on international affairs issues
- Placements are decided by the Rangel program and in close consultation with Fellows

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Obligations

- Medical, security and suitability clearances
- Maintain GPA of 3.2 in graduate school
- Meet State Department Foreign Service entry requirements
- Five-year service obligation



2022 Fellowship Timeline



Application Closes: September 29, 2021

90 Finalists Notified: November 4, 2021

Selection Process: November 29 – December 2, 2021

45 Fellows Selected: December 3, 2021

Orientation in Washington, D.C. : May 2022

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2022 RANGEL FELLOWSHIP COHORT TIMELINE

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship
(Dates are subject to change)

**MAY - AUG
2022**



Fellowship Orientation
& Congressional
Internship

**AUG-MAY
2023**



Complete first year of
graduate school;
Preparation for Overseas
Internship

**JUNE-AUG
2023**



Complete Overseas
Internship at U.S. Embassy
or Consulate

**AUG 2023-MAY
2024**



Complete second year of
graduate school and
graduate

**SUMMER-
WINTER 2024**



Enter A-100 Class of
Foreign Service

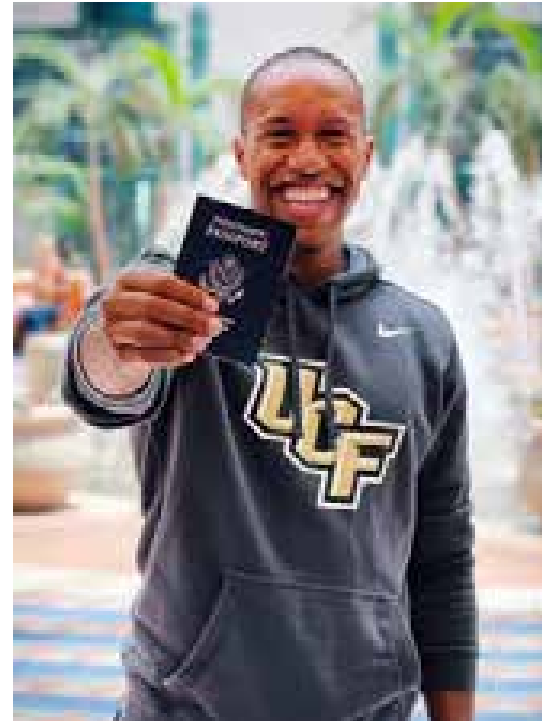
2015 Rangel Fellow Nicholas Grandchamps

Undergrad: University of Central Florida

Graduate School: American University

Regional Focus: China

- Currently in Istanbul, Turkey
- Consular officer and public diplomacy officer in Beijing
- 2021 UCF 30 under 30 alumni
- 2015 Charles B. Rangel Fellow



How to Apply



- **Components of the application include:**
 - Personal statement
 - Statement of financial need
 - Two letters of recommendation - faculty/instructor and community leader
 - Proof of U.S. citizenship
 - Student Aid Report (SAR) generated by the FAFSA
 - Financial aid award letter or statement from applicant's senior year (if applicable)
 - Transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
 - GRE/GMAT scores (optional)
- The application and all components must be received by **September 29, 2021.**



THE THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM





DOMESTIC INTERNSHIP

- Takes place between the first and second year of graduate school.
- 10-week internship that takes place at the Department of State headquarters in Washington, DC.
- Fellows work in offices and bureaus throughout the Department.
- Professional development activities and networking events throughout summer.

Application Deadline:
September 22, 2021

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Payne Graduate Fellowship Program Elements



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Award of up to \$96,000 over two years, for tuition, fees, living expenses, summer internships.

- \$22,000 per year for tuition and fees (Some graduate programs provide supplemental financial assistance.)
- \$16,000 per year for living stipend
- Up to \$10,000 per year towards summer internships (including housing and transportation)
 - A 10-week internship on Capitol Hill.
 - A 10-week overseas internship.



Payne Graduate Fellowship Selection Process & Timeline



Review

- Academic background, personal statement, financial need, letters of recommendation, community service and leadership.

Eligibility

- U.S. citizenship
- 3.2 GPA
- Planning to enroll in graduate program Fall 2022



Schedule

September 2021: Application Open Now

November 2021: Application Deadline

December 2021: Selection of Finalists

January 2022: Interviews, Notifications, and Decisions



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Crafting a Competitive Application

- Review **application requirements** to ensure eligibility and prepare to apply.
- Explain in **statement of interest (600 words or less)** motivations for applying and identify background, experiences and skills for a successful Foreign Service Officer.
- Demonstrate **academic ability** and rigor in studies.
- Obtain strong **letters of recommendation**; monitor arrival.
- Demonstrate the **need for financial assistance** for graduate school.
- Include all relevant extracurricular, community, professional or volunteer experiences; highlight leadership roles.
- List all relevant college, university or professional **honors and awards**.
- **Proofread** all aspects of your application carefully; submit all application materials on time.