

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program

Application Timeline: Fall to January

About:

- The Thomas R. Pickering Fellowship Program provides undergraduate and graduate students with financial support, mentoring, and professional development to prepare them academically and professional for a career in the Department of State Foreign Service
- Candidates can receive up to \$37,500 annually for various expenses
 - *Undergraduate*: tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees and some travel expenses for the senior year of undergraduate studies and the first year of a master's degree
 - *Graduate*: tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees and some travel expenses for a two-year master's degree
- For fields related to Foreign Service such as: business administration, economics, public policy, international affairs, and other relevant fields
- Two summer internships: one at a domestic office of the Department of State in Washington, D.C. and one overseas at a U.S. embassy or consulate. The program provides stipends, transportation, and housing for these internships
- Orientation to the program and the Foreign Service at the Department of State
- Mentoring from a Foreign Service officer throughout the duration of the fellowship
- Employment in the Department of State Foreign Service for those who successfully complete the program and Foreign Service entry requirements
- Candidates must be able to obtain medical, security, and suitability clearance in order to remain in the program. Each successful candidate is obligated to a minimum of 5 years of service in an appointment as a Foreign Service Officer

Eligibility requirements:

- U.S. Citizen
- Undergraduate candidates: must be in the junior year of undergraduate studies at a U.S. undergraduate institution when applying
- Graduate candidates: must be seeking admission to a two-year graduate program at a U.S. graduate institution in the fall of the year of application
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application

Materials needed to submit:

- Unofficial copy of transcript
- GRE/GMAT scores (graduate applicants only)
- Personal statement (maximum 750 words)
- Updated resume
- Most recent financial aid award letter listing grants or loans
- Most recent Student Aid Report
- 3 letters of recommendation

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