

A Menu of U.S. Department of State Opportunities for Students

For Undergraduate Students:

U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program

Who: U.S. citizen college students with 60 credits at start of internship who will be continuing their studies immediately after the internship

What: Opportunities to gain practical, professional experience in a foreign affairs environment and insight into the substance and daily operations of U.S. foreign policy

When: 8-14 weeks, full-time, in summer, spring and fall

Where: U.S. Department of State offices in Washington and other U.S. cities and over 100 U.S. embassies and consulates abroad.

How: Apply via usajobs.gov. Deadlines may vary, but traditionally are mid-October for summer, March 1 for fall and July 1 for spring of the following year. Interested students should sign up for email alerts using the “[Keep Me Informed](#)” feature on careers.state.gov and clicking the “Student Programs” box on the menu. For more information, see careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships.

Funding: Internships are unpaid. Housing may be provided at some overseas posts.

Virtual Student Foreign Service (VSFS)

Who: U.S. citizen current college and university students

What: Opportunities to work on projects at various federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of State

When: 5-10 hours weekly throughout the academic year

Where: Students remain on campus and work online.

How: Apply via www.usajobs.gov/. Students apply for up to three specific projects. For details, see www.state.gov/vsfs/.

Applications are due in July for the following academic year. Interested students should sign up to receive the program announcement using the “[Keep Me Informed](#)” feature on careers.state.gov and clicking the “Student Programs” box on the menu.

Critical Language Scholarship Program (CLS)

Who: U.S. citizen college undergraduate and graduate students who have completed one year of course work at start of program.

What: Opportunities to study one of fourteen critical languages in immersion programs abroad.

When: Summer

Where: Selected countries worldwide

How: Visit www.clscholarship.org/index.php. Late November deadline.

Funding: Program, housing and travel costs are covered.

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

Who: U.S. citizen undergraduates who are Pell Grant recipients and have been accepted into a credit-eligible study abroad program or overseas internship (including internships with the U.S. Department of State) lasting at least two weeks for students studying at a 2-yr institution and four weeks for those at a 4-year institution.

When: Spring, summer, fall, or academic year

Where: Any country except Cuba or those on the U.S. Department of State travel warning list.

How: Apply via: www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program. Deadlines vary according to program.

Funding: Up to \$5,000, with an additional \$3,000 available for Critical Need Language study.

Boren Awards for International Study – Boren Scholarships

Who: U.S. citizen undergraduate students who plan to study abroad **outside** of Western Europe, Australia, Canada or New Zealand.

What: Funding for study abroad in countries outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand

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When: Semester, academic year, and (for STEM fields only) summer

Where: Worldwide except Western Europe, Australia, Canada or New Zealand

How: Apply via: borenawards.org/boren_scholarship/how_apply.html. Early February deadline for the following academic year.

Funding: Up to \$20,000 for study abroad

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program

Who: U.S. citizen full-time undergraduate students with a GPA of 3.2 or above.

What: Six-week program designed to provide undergraduates with a deeper appreciation of current issues and trends in international affairs and a greater understanding of career opportunities in international affairs

When: Summer

Where: Washington, D.C.

How: Apply via: www.rangelprogram.org. Deadline is mid-January.

Funding: Tuition, travel, housing, housing, two meals per day, and a stipend of \$3,200.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Who: U.S. citizen undergraduates

What: A wide range of fellowships for academic study, research and teaching English abroad.

When: Varies according to program

Where: Around the world

How: Current students must apply through their school. See: eca.state.gov/fulbright/fulbright-programs for a full list of programs and us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-program-advisers for a list of Fulbright on-campus advisors.

Funding: Varies based on program

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Pathways Internships

Who: U.S. citizen students age 16 and older

What: Opportunities to work in agencies and explore federal careers while attending school with possible eligibility for conversion to permanent employment in the Civil Service

When: Full-time and seasonal openings, announced on an ongoing basis.

Where: Paid internship with federal agencies around the United States

How: Apply to individual vacancies via: www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads.

Those interested in Pathways openings with the U.S. Department of State should have an account and resume on www.usajobs.gov/, sign up for alerts using the “Keep Me Informed” feature on careers.state.gov and clicking the “Student Programs” box on the menu; and **in most instances be prepared to apply within 24 hours of the vacancy announcement posting.**

For Potential and Current Graduate Students:

Charles B. Rangel Graduate Fellowship Program

Who: U.S. citizens who plan to attend graduate school and who are interested in a Foreign Service career.

What: Funding for two years of graduate study in a field related to the work of the U.S. Department of State and two paid summer internships, the first on Capitol Hill and the second at a U.S. embassy. After graduation, fellows must fulfill a five-year service commitment as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State.

When: First internship takes place the summer before the start of graduate school in the fall

Where: U.S. graduate school of candidate’s choice

How: Apply via: www.rangelprogram.org. Deadline is mid-September for a graduate program beginning the following fall.

Funding: Costs of graduate study (tuition and living expenses) are covered, up to \$37,500 per academic year. Internships are paid.

Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Scholarship

Who: U.S. citizens who plan to attend graduate school and who are interested in a Foreign Service career.

What: Funding for two years of graduate study in a field related to the work of the U.S. Department of State and two paid summer internships with the U.S. Department of State (one domestic/one with a U.S. Embassy). Following graduation, fellowship recipients must fulfill a five-year service commitment as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State.

When: The Fellowship begins with the first internship the summer prior to the start of graduate studies in the fall.

Where: U.S. graduate school of candidate’s choice

How: Apply via: www.twc.edu/thomas-r-pickering-foreign-affairs-fellowship-program. Deadline is mid-January.

Funding: Costs of graduate study (tuition and living expenses) are covered, up to \$37,500 per academic year. Internships are paid.

Boren Awards for International Study – Boren Fellowships

Who: U.S. citizen students that are matriculated in or applying to a U.S. graduate program who plan to study abroad **outside** of Western Europe, Australia, Canada or New Zealand.

What: Funding for language study in countries outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand with a commitment of work in the federal government for at least one year after graduation

When: Academic Year

Where: Worldwide except for Western Europe, Australia, Canada, or New Zealand

How: Apply via: www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship/how_apply.html. Deadline is late January.

Funding: Up to \$24,000 for overseas study, up to \$6,000 for domestic language study

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Presidential Management Fellowship

Who: U.S. citizen graduate students in the final academic year of their degree or U.S. citizens who have completed a graduate degree within two years of the application deadline, who have a clear interest in public service

What: The premier federal government leadership development program, designed to develop a cadre of potential government leaders

When: Two years, full-time

Where: Washington, D.C. and Department of State offices around the U.S.

How: Apply via: www.pmf.gov. Application opens for two weeks during September.

Funding: Two-year appointment as a salaried federal government employee.

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How: Current students must apply through their school. See: eca.state.gov/fulbright/fulbright-programs for a full list of programs and us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-program-advisers for a list of Fulbright on-campus advisors.

Funding: Varies based on program

Virtual Student Foreign Service (VSFS)

Who: U.S. citizen recent high school graduates starting college or university in the fall.

What: Opportunities to work on projects at various federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of State

When: 5-10 hours weekly throughout the academic year

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For Recent Graduates and Young Professionals

Pathways Recent Graduate Program

Who: U.S. citizens who have completed educational degree or certificate programs within the last two years

What: Paid, one or two year career development program with federal agencies leading to possible eligibility for conversion to permanent employment in the Civil Service

When: Ongoing

Where: With federal agencies around the United States

How: Apply to individual vacancies via: www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads

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Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange – Young Professionals Component

Who: U.S. citizens, nationals and Legal Permanent Residents (age 18-24) with some relevant experience in their career field (work, internship or volunteer)

When: Academic Year

Where: Germany

How: Apply via: <https://cbyx.info/>. Application deadline is in the fall for the following academic year.

Funding: Travel, lodging, and academic studies are funded.