

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program

Promoting a diverse U.S. Foreign Service representing the uniquely rich range of talents and expertise of the American people

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be seeking admission to graduate school in fall 2017 for a two-year program at a U.S.-based institution
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application

APPLICATION DEADLINE

September 19, 2016

Additional information and application materials are available at

www.RangelProgram.org

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2017 Graduate Fellowship Program

The Rangel Graduate Fellowship Program is a U.S. Department of State program, administered by Howard University, that seeks to attract and prepare outstanding young people for careers as Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State. Candidates must be graduating seniors or college graduates with strong academic records and a desire to promote positive change in the world. The Rangel Program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service and those with financial need. Selected fellows will receive support for graduate school and will enter into exciting and rewarding careers representing the United States overseas. Program information and the online application for the 2017 Rangel Fellowship is available at www.rangelprogram.org.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- An **orientation** to the Program and the Foreign Service at Howard University in Washington, D.C.
- **Two summer internships**, one on Capitol Hill in summer 2017 and one overseas at a U.S. embassy in summer 2018. The Program provides stipends, transportation and housing for these internships.
- **Up to \$37,500 annually** toward tuition, fees and living expenses for a two-year master's degree in fields related to the Foreign Service such as Business Administration, Economics, Public Policy, and International Relations at a U.S.-based institution.
- **Mentoring** from a Foreign Service Officer throughout the duration of the fellowship.
- **Employment in the State Department Foreign Service** for those who successfully complete the program and Foreign Service entry requirements, with a **contractual agreement** committing each Rangel Fellow to a minimum of five years of service as a Foreign Service Officer.

ABOUT THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE

Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State are responsible for formulating, implementing and supporting U.S. foreign policy. Their work includes analyzing political and economic events around the world; negotiating with foreign governments; assisting U.S. citizens abroad; educating foreign audiences about American culture and values; and managing an embassy's operations. They are engaged in foreign policy issues such as conflict resolution, human rights, environmental and health issues, nuclear nonproliferation, and educational exchange. A Foreign Service career is much more than just a job; it is a uniquely demanding and rewarding way of life. Foreign Service Officers work in Washington and in more than 250 diplomatic posts worldwide. As representatives of the United States, Foreign Service Officers have a direct impact on people's lives, witness history in the making, and help create and implement U.S. policy.