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The Department of State, in partnership with the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC), is pleased to announce the Foreign Affairs IT Fellowship Program. This program is a challenging and rewarding opportunity for interested individuals seeking to apply technology solutions to the business of diplomacy. Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service and students with financial need are encouraged to apply. Fellows who successfully complete the program and the Foreign Service IT Specialist entry requirements will receive an appointment as a Foreign Service Information Management Specialist (IMS).

### **What is a Foreign Service Information Management Specialist (IMS)?**

Foreign Service Information Management Specialists support and maintain hundreds of applications and provide IT services domestically and abroad at over 275 overseas posts in nearly 200 countries. Information Management Specialists serve their country by maintaining secure, reliable IT tools and resources to ensure that Foreign Service Officers, federal agencies and non-government partners can promote diplomacy while serving overseas. Information Management Specialists gain experiences that few other IT professions offer, including the reward of living in a foreign country while experiencing different cultures and helping to protect U.S. interests abroad.

Foreign Service Information Management Specialists will have access to training and career development programs; health and medical coverage; federal retirement benefits and generous paid leave. While serving overseas, housing will be paid or an appropriate housing allowance will be provided, in addition to paid education for dependent children grades K-12.

Learn more about the Foreign Service by visiting: <https://careers.state.gov/work/foreign-service/specialist>



## Foreign Affairs IT Fellowship Program Benefits

- **Undergraduate candidates:** Up to \$37,500 annually for tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees and some travel expenses for junior year and senior year of undergraduate studies related to an IT field.
- **Graduate candidates: Up to \$37,500 annually** for tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees and some travel expenses for a two-year master's degree in an IT related field.
- **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 Foreign Affairs IT Fellowship program, the Foreign Service career path and to the Department of State.
- **Mentoring** from a Foreign Service IMS throughout the duration of the fellowship.
- **Employment in the Department of State Foreign Service** for those who successfully complete the program and the Foreign Service IMS entry requirements.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be United States citizens.
- Undergraduate applicants must be in the sophomore year of undergraduate study at a U.S. undergraduate institution, expecting to receive their bachelor's degree in spring 2019.
- Graduate applicants must be seeking admission to a U.S. graduate school, enrolling in a two-year, full-time master's degree program that will begin in fall 2018.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application, and this grade point average must be maintained throughout participation in the program.

## Obligations of a Foreign Affairs IT Fellow

- Must be able to obtain medical, security and suitability clearances in order to remain in the program.
- Attend June 2018 orientation in Washington, D.C.
- Fulfill the summer internship obligations (summer 2019 & summer 2020).
- Be prepared to enter the Foreign Service in fall 2020.
- Complete a **minimum of five years** of service in an appointment as a Foreign Service Information Management Specialist (IMS). Candidates who do not successfully complete the program and meet Foreign Service entry requirements may be subject to a repayment obligation to the Department of State.

# *Application Deadline*

December 31st, 2017



## Apply Here

[www.twc.edu/FAIT2018](http://www.twc.edu/FAIT2018)

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