The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship program supports individuals interested in careers in the State Department Foreign Service through graduate studies, internships, and professional development. Foreign Service Officers represent the United States in countries around the world by promoting human rights, assisting American citizens overseas, enhancing prosperity and development, deepening ties between the United States and people around the world, and supporting U.S. global values and interests. This opportunity is open to eligible college seniors and graduates with any undergraduate major. The Fellowship encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need.

**PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

- Support of up to $42,000 per year toward tuition and living expenses for a two-year master's program in an area of relevance to the State Department Foreign Service at a U.S. Based Institution.
- An orientation to the Fellowship and the Foreign Service.
- Two summer internships, one at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. and one overseas at a U.S. embassy or consulate.
- Mentoring from Foreign Service Officers.
- Employment in the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service, in accordance with applicable law and U.S. Department of State policy, for those who successfully complete the Fellowship and meet Foreign Service entry requirements. Fellows must commit to a minimum of five years of service.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- U.S. citizenship.
- Intention to seek admission to a two-year, full-time, on-campus, master's degree program at a U.S.-based institution in an academic field relevant to the Foreign Service, to begin in fall 2024.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 AT 11:59 PM (EST)**

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