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# Use Your Tech Skills to Support Diplomacy



The U.S. Department of State is seeking to attract top-notch tech talent to the Foreign Service ranks that reflects the diversity of the United States.

Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service and students with financial need are encouraged to apply to this challenging and rewarding opportunity.

Established in 2016, the Foreign Affairs Information Technology (FAIT) Fellowship provides undergraduate and graduate students with tuition assistance, as well as mentorship and professional development to launch their careers in the Foreign Service. Specifically, the academic funding supports your junior and senior years of undergraduate study, OR a two-year master's degree program in an IT-related field. Upon successful completion of the program, Fellows must commit a minimum of five year of service as a Foreign Service Information Management Specialist.

## What is a Foreign Service Information Management Specialist?

Foreign Service Information Management Specialists (IMS) support and maintain hundreds of applications and provide IT services domestically and abroad at over 275 overseas posts in nearly 200 countries.

Foreign Service Information Management Specialists have access to training and career development programs; health and medical coverage; federal retirement benefits and generous paid leave. Overseas benefits include paid housing or a housing allowance, and paid education for dependent children in K-12.

## FAIT Fellowship 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.

## Obligations of an FAIT Fellow

- Must be able to obtain medical, security and suitability clearances in order to remain in the program.
- Attend June 2020 orientation in Washington, D.C.
- Fulfill the summer internship obligations (summer 2021 & summer 2022).
- Be prepared to enter the Foreign Service in fall 2022.
- 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.

As a member of our team, you will help safeguard communications and promote transparent, interconnected diplomacy throughout more than 270 U.S. embassies, consulates and missions.



You will have the unique opportunity to engage in diplomacy and make a positive impact worldwide – all while developing yourself personally and professionally.



Every day, you will experience the challenge and excitement of a career at the forefront of international affairs.





## Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate applicants must be in the sophomore year of undergraduate study at a U.S. undergraduate institution, expecting to receive their bachelor's within two years after becoming a fellow.
- 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 the semester after becoming a fellow.
- U.S. citizenship is required.
- Candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application. This grade point average must be maintained throughout participation in the program.



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