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Use Your Tech Skills to Support Diplomacy



The U.S. Department of State is seeking to attract tech talent to the Foreign Service that reflects the diversity of the United States. Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service and those with financial need are encouraged to apply to this challenging and rewarding opportunity.

Funded by the U.S. Department of State, the Foreign Affairs Information Technology (FAIT) Fellowship is a path to a career in the Foreign Service. This two-year fellowship provides undergraduate and graduate students with academic funding for an IT-related degree, internships, professional development and mentorship – and culminates in an appointment in the Foreign Service as an Information Management Specialist (IMS).

FAIT Fellows receive academic funding for their junior and senior years of undergraduate study or two-year master's degree in an IT-related field. They build their skills, gain meaningful experience and grow their networks during two summer internships (with stipends). FAIT Fellows also receive professional development and mentorship. Upon successful completion of the program and State Department requirements, they receive an appointment in the Foreign Service, where they launch an exciting career as an IMS.

What is a Foreign Service Information Management Specialist?

Foreign Service IMSs support and maintain hundreds of applications and provide IT services domestically and abroad at over 275 overseas posts in nearly 200 countries. In efforts of promoting our diplomatic and American values at home and abroad, IMSs maintain secure, reliable IT tools and resources ensuring that the State Department, other federal agencies, non-government partners, and Americans overseas can effectively communicate.

FAIT Fellowship Benefits

- **Up to \$37,500 annually (for two years)** in academic funding for the junior year and senior year of undergraduate study OR two-year master's degree, in an IT-related field. This is for tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees and some travel expenses.
- **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.
- **Professional development**, including a 10-week series during the first summer in D.C.
- **Mentoring** from a Foreign Service IMS throughout the duration of the fellowship.
- **An appointment as a Foreign Service IMS** upon successful completion of the program and the Foreign Service IMS entry requirements. Fellows agree to a minimum five-year commitment upon entry into the Foreign Service.

Obligations of a FAIT Fellow

- Attend the orientation in Washington, D.C., which takes place in June after selection.
- Fulfill the summer internship obligations during your first year and second year as a Fellow.
- Maintain your status as a full-time student in your approved degree program, maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA, and stay on the two-year timeline to graduate with your degree.
- Be prepared to enter the Foreign Service within two years of becoming a Fellow.
- Obtain and maintain medical, security and suitability clearances to remain in the program.
- Complete a minimum of five years of service as a Foreign Service Information Management Specialist (IMS). Candidates who do not complete the program and do not meet Foreign Service entry requirements may be subject to a repayment obligation to the Department of State.

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

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen.
- Undergraduate applicants must be enrolled in a degree program relevant to Information Technology at a U.S.-based accredited institution, and entering the junior year in the fall of the cohort year.
- Graduate applicants must be seeking admission to a master's degree program relevant to Information Technology at a U.S.-based accredited institution beginning in the fall of the cohort year.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application, and maintain this GPA throughout participation in the program.



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