

U.S. Foreign Service Internship Program

A two-summer international affairs experiential-learning program



BACKGROUND

The U.S. Foreign Service Internship Program (USFSIP) is a merit and need-based opportunity that offers two paid summer internships to expose undergraduate students to U.S. diplomacy and the work of the U.S. Department of State. Learn more about the USFSIP at <https://doscareers.com/USFSIPOP> and join our talent network at <https://doscareers.com/talent> to be notified when the application period is open.

OVERVIEW

In the first of their two summer internships, USFSIP participants receive three weeks of academic and professional training in Washington, D.C., followed by seven weeks working in a policy office at the U.S. Department of State. In the second summer, participants are given a ten-week assignment to a U.S. Embassy or Consulate overseas. In the intervening year, USFSIP interns take the Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT) to gain a better understanding of the Foreign Service assessment process.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and currently enrolled as degree-seeking undergraduate students in an accredited academic institution at least half time with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above. Students must be rising juniors or seniors when they start the program (having applied in their sophomore or junior year). Participants must maintain their student status and GPA for the duration of the program and must be

able to obtain and maintain a Secret security clearance.

SELECTION

Merit and demonstrated financial need are key factors in the selection process. Applicants are evaluated on their motivation, academic preparedness, writing skills, background, and experience. Application includes a Statement of Interest that describes objectives and motivation in seeking this internship and a Statement of Financial Need. There is also a short essay describing a situation in which they demonstrated the skills sought in Foreign Service candidates, such as leadership, interpersonal, communication, management, and intellectual skills.

BENEFITS

Students are paid at a GS-4 rate. The U.S. Department of State provides travel and housing for both summers.

HOW TO APPLY

Students submit an online application via USAJOBS. Applicants must provide current academic transcripts and may provide a PDF copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report to demonstrate financial need. To be notified when the application period opens, join our Talent Network: <https://doscareers.com/talent>.



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