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of technology leaders in the
U.S. Foreign Service.

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Use Your Tech Skills to Support Diplomacy



The U.S. Department of State is seeking to attract top technology 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.

The Foreign Affairs Information Technology (FAIT) Fellowship is designed for highly talented individuals who want to pursue an IT-related undergraduate or graduate degree and a career in the Foreign Service.

As one of several high-profile U.S. Department of State diversity recruitment programs, this two-year fellowship supports fellows by providing academic funding for an IT-related degree, two summer internships, professional development, and mentorship.

Upon successful completion of the fellowship and the Foreign Service entry requirements, FAIT Fellows receive an appointment in the Foreign Service as an Information Management Specialists (IMS).

What is a Foreign Service Information Management Specialist?

Foreign Service Information Management Specialists (IMS) manage and operate worldwide information technology infrastructure, providing services and solutions, domestically and abroad, at over 275 overseas posts in nearly 200 countries.

IMSs have access to world-class 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.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time IT-related degree program at a U.S.-based accredited institution.
- Be on a timeline to earn your degree (bachelor's or master's) after attending four full-time semesters during your two years of the FAIT Fellowship program.
- Hold a minimum cumulative 3.2 GPA on a 4.0 scale at the time of the application, and maintain this GPA throughout the program.
- For the graduate fellowship:
 - Individuals must be seeking admission to enter a full-time, IT-related master's degree program that starts in fall of the FAIT Fellowship cohort year.
- For the undergraduate fellowship:
 - Community college students in an associate degree program must be seeking admission to enter a full-time, IT-related bachelor's degree program that starts in fall of the FAIT Fellowship cohort year.
 - Four-year college/university students must be enrolled full-time in an IT-related bachelor's degree program AND on a timeline to graduate at the end of the two-year FAIT Fellowship program.
 - Students enrolled in an accelerated bachelor's/master's IT-related degree program must be on a timeline to graduate at the end of the two-year FAIT Fellowship program.

For more detailed information about the timeline for the current FAIT Fellowship application cohort year, please see the website FAITFellowship.org.

As a Foreign Service IMS 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 [@traveling](#) yourself personally and professionally.



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





FAIT Fellowship Benefits

- **Up to \$43,500 annually** (for two years) in academic funding 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.
- **Up to \$11,000 per summer** for stipends, transportation and housing for these internships.
- **Orientation** to the FAIT Fellowship program, the Foreign Service career path and to the Department of State.
- **Professional development**, including a 10-week series during the first summer internship 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 entry requirements.

Obligations of a FAIT Fellow

- Attend the orientation in Washington, D.C., which takes place in June after selection.
- Obtain and maintain security and suitability clearances and meet minimum medical qualification standards.
- Maintain your status as a full-time student (fall and spring semesters) in your approved degree program.
- Maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA and stay on the two-year timeline to graduate with your degree.
- Fulfill the summer internship obligations during your first year and second year as a FAIT Fellow.
- Agree to a minimum five-year commitment with the Foreign Service as an IMS upon successful completion of the program and the Foreign Service requirements.
- Be prepared to enter the Foreign Service after spring graduation and the summer overseas internship.



To learn more and apply, visit [FAITFellowship.org](https://www.faitfellowship.org)



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