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Internship and Study Abroad Programs

The U.S. Department of State offers **internships, career development, and study abroad programs** that help students gain experience and insight into our work. Learn more at <https://careers.state.gov/interns-fellows/pathways-programs/student-programs-overview/> and keep up to date by joining our talent network at <https://bit.ly/3N90csj>. **U.S. citizenship is required to apply.**

Internship and Career Development Opportunities:

U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program: Paid internships offered during the fall, spring, and summer semesters in Washington, D.C. and at U.S. embassies and consulates overseas. Interns will receive GS-04 pay level, including transportation/housing expenses. Applicants must have completed at least 60 credit hours at an accredited university at the start of the internship, have at least a 3.2 GPA, and be enrolled in school the semester immediately following the internship. Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply.

U.S. Foreign Service Internship Program (USFSIP): Merit and needs-based opportunity available to undergraduate sophomore and junior students with a 3.2 GPA or higher. The program provides two paid internships in consecutive summers. The first will be in Washington, D.C. and the second one will be at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad. Interns will receive pay at the GS-04 level and transportation/housing expenses.

Virtual Student Federal Service (VSFS): Part-time, virtual internships with flexible schedules. Interns can partner with Department of State diplomatic posts overseas and domestic offices, as well as other agencies. The application period opens in July. All VSFS interns are unpaid and volunteer ten hours a week from September to May. To learn more, visit <https://vsfs.state.gov>.

Pathways Internship Program: Offers paid employment for students while they attend school. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and enrolled or accepted as a student (full-time or part-time) in a qualifying high school, vocational school, undergraduate or graduate program, with a GPA of at least 2.0. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3KuRvcb>.

Colin Powell Leadership Program Internship: The Colin Powell Leadership Program recruits highly motivated individuals from a variety of backgrounds who aspire to and possess the potential to become future Civil Service leaders in the Department. The program provides paid internships to students who are enrolled at accredited institutions of higher education. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3wFEYgh>.

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Rangel Summer Enrichment Program: Six-week summer program that prepares undergraduate students for careers in international affairs. Applicants from underrepresented communities in the Foreign Service with strong academic backgrounds and a commitment to service are strongly encouraged to apply (rangelprogram.org).

Study Abroad Programs:

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship: Provides undergraduate students of limited financial means (Pell Grant Recipients) funding to study or intern abroad. Learn more at <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>.

Gilman-McCain Scholarship: Provides undergraduate students whose parent or guardian are active duty or activated military personnel at the time of application funding to study or intern abroad. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3KwXeOO>.

Critical Language Scholarship (CLS): Offers opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students in U.S.-based degree programs to learn one of 15 languages through immersive study abroad institutes each summer. For more information, visit <https://clscholarship.org/>.

- **CLS Spark:** Provides undergraduates an opportunity to spend an academic year learning either Arabic, Chinese or Russian through online classes and activities with native speakers. clscholarship.org/spark

Fulbright: Provides grants to graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals, and artists to pursue graduate or professional studies, conduct research, or teach English abroad for up to one academic year. For more information, visit <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>.

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