Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program

Promoting a diverse U.S. Foreign Service representing the uniquely rich range of talents and expertise of the American people

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be seeking admission to enter a graduate school in the fall of 2016 for a two-year program
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application

APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 13, 2016

Additional information and application materials are available at

www.RangelProgram.org

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2016 Graduate Fellowship Program

Howard University, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State, invites outstanding individuals interested in international affairs and careers in the State Department Foreign Service to apply for the 2016 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship. Candidates can be graduating seniors or college graduates with strong academic records and a desire to promote positive change in the world. The Rangel Program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service and those with financial need. Selected fellows will receive support for graduate school and will enter into an exciting and rewarding career. We expect to provide 30 fellowships in 2016.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- An **orientation** to the Program and the Foreign Service at Howard University in Washington, D.C.
- **Two summer internships,** one on Capitol Hill the summer after selection and one overseas at a U.S. embassy during the summer between the first and second years of graduate school. The Program provides stipends, transportation and housing for these internships.
- **Up to $37,500 annually** toward tuition, fees and living expenses for a two-year master's degree in fields related to the Foreign Service such as Business Administration, Economics, Public Policy, and International Relations.
- **Mentoring** from a Foreign Service Officer throughout the duration of the fellowship.
- **Employment in the State Department Foreign Service** for those who successfully complete the program and Foreign Service entry requirements, with a **contractual agreement** committing each Rangel Fellow to a minimum of five years of service as a Foreign Service Officer.

ABOUT THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE

Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State are responsible for formulating, implementing and supporting U.S. foreign policy. Their work includes analyzing political and economic events around the world; negotiating with foreign governments; assisting U.S. citizens abroad; educating foreign audiences about American culture and values; and managing an embassy's operations. They are engaged in foreign policy issues such as conflict resolution, human rights, environmental and health issues, nuclear nonproliferation, and educational exchange. A Foreign Service career is much more than just a job; it is a uniquely demanding and rewarding way of life. Foreign Service Officers work in Washington and in more than 250 diplomatic posts worldwide. As representatives of the United States, Foreign Service Officers have a direct impact on people's lives, witness history in the making, and help create and implement U.S. policy.