

Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Rangel Fellowship

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Section	Brief description	More information
1. Award	The Rangel Program awards ~ 45 fellowships of up to \$42,000 in funding annually to support two-year master's degrees. This includes up to \$24,000 per year for tuition and mandatory fees and an academic year stipend of \$18,000. Fellows enroll in graduate school in the fall of their first year and start work toward a master's degree. Two internships with *—one in Washington, DC working on international issues for a Member of Congress, the other overseas at a US Embassy or Consulate—will be in the summer in the first and second years of the two-year fellowship.* There is an additional summer stipend to help with living costs; housing plus overseas travel finance are provided. Throughout the program fellows receive personalized mentoring and professional development opportunities.	https://rangelprogram.org/graduate-fellowship-program/overview-eligibility/ Awardees are expected to enter into careers as Foreign Services Officers in the U. S. Department of State upon successful completion of the program. Note: *Ways Rangel Fellowship differs from Pickering*
2. Eligibility	To be eligible, an applicant must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a U.S. citizen. • Seek admission to a two-year, full-time, on-campus, master's degree program at a U.S.-based graduate institution to begin in the fall in an academic field relevant to the work of the Foreign Service (public policy, international affairs, public administration, business, economics, political science, sociology, or foreign languages). • Demonstrate financial need. • Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale • Applicants can be in their senior year or they can be college graduates. 	Eligibility Awardees are expected to complete their degrees and fulfill a five year service commitment to the U. S. Department of State Foreign Service upon successful completion of the program. Therefore, it is very important that applicants research what the work and location assignments of Foreign Service Officers involve and their personal suitability for the role and commitment.
3. Timing	Applications are due mid-September	Application Requirements and Deadlines
4. Selection Criteria	This program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need. A candidate's community, academic, extracurricular, and leadership activities will be considered during the selection process. Consideration will be given to qualified applicants who, in addition to outstanding leadership skills and academic achievement, demonstrate financial need.	Program Aims
5. Smith Role	Smith nomination is not required to apply.	
6. Fun fact(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funded by the US Department of State. One of three prestigious foreign service fellowships administered by Howard University. Other fellowships are the Payne International Development Fellowship and Pickering Foreign Affairs Program. • The fellowship honors Congressman Charles B. Rangel, who served NYC for 23 terms & was the first African-American chair of the House Ways & Means Comm. 	Howard University Fellowships About Charles B. Rangel Smith alum, Idia Irele '16 was selected as a Rangel Fellow in 2020.
7. How to get started	Email fellowships@smith.edu for an appointment or schedule a fellowships meeting in Handshake .	Application Tips