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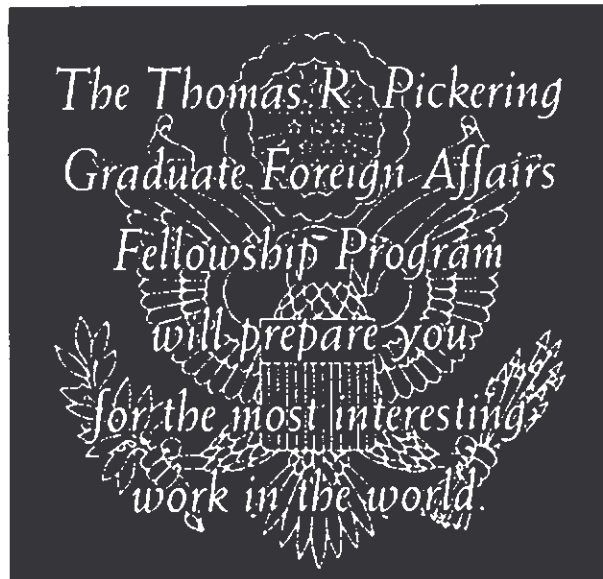
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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THOMAS R. PICKERING
GRADUATE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



THE WOODROW WILSON
National Fellowship Foundation



THE FOREIGN SERVICE

THE VISION

To represent America in world affairs with citizens who reflect the diversity and excellence of our society.

THE NEED

To recruit talented students in academic programs relevant to international affairs, political and economic analysis, management, and science policy.

THE GOAL

To attract outstanding students, who represent all ethnic and social backgrounds, and who have an interest in pursuing a Foreign Service career in the U.S. Department of State. The Program develops a source of trained men and women, from academic disciplines representing the skill needs of the Department, who are dedicated to representing America's interests abroad.

THE THOMAS R. PICKERING GRADUATE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

PROVIDES GRADUATE FUNDING TO PARTICIPANTS AS THEY ARE PREPARED ACADEMICALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOREIGN SERVICE. WOMEN, MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, AND STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL NEED ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

ELIGIBILITY

Only United States citizens will be considered.

At time of application, candidates must be seeking admission to graduate school for the following academic year. Winners are expected to enroll in two-year full-time master's degree programs (such as public policy, international affairs, public administration, or academic fields such as business, economics, political science, sociology or foreign languages). *U.S. graduate institutions only.*

Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

A cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher must be maintained throughout participation in the program.

SELECTION

Consideration will be given to qualified applicants who, in addition to outstanding leadership skills and academic achievement, demonstrate financial need. The number of fellowships will be determined by available funding.

Finalists will be invited to an interview in Washington, D.C.



PROGRAM COMPONENTS

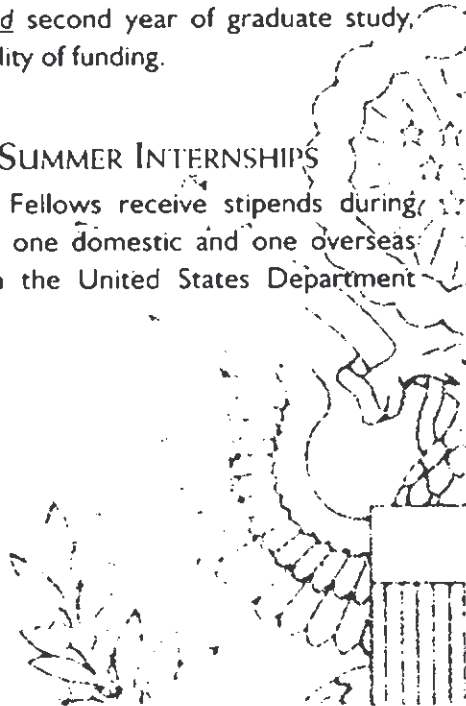


THE AWARD

Tuition and mandatory fees (excluding health insurance), living stipend (based on the institution's room and board rate), reimbursement for books and one round-trip between home and school are paid during the first and second year of graduate study, pending availability of funding.

TWO SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Graduate-level Fellows receive stipends during participation in one domestic and one overseas internship with the United States Department of State.





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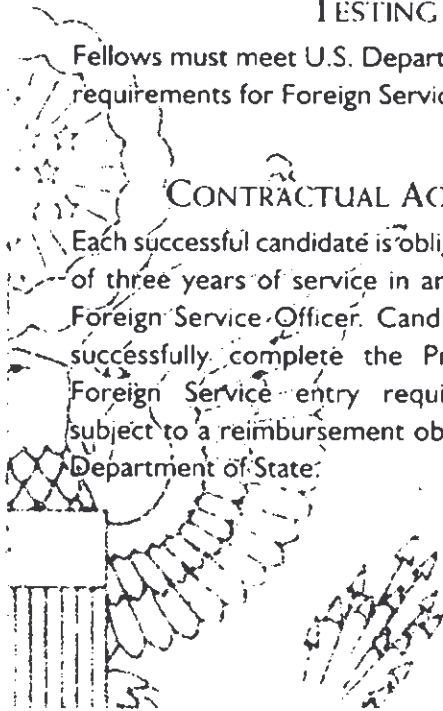
Guidance from a Foreign Service Officer is provided during the graduate degree program.

TESTING

Fellows must meet U.S. Department of State entry requirements for Foreign Service Officers.

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

Each successful candidate is obligated to a minimum of three years of service in an appointment as a Foreign Service Officer. Candidates who do not successfully complete the Program and meet Foreign Service entry requirements may be subject to a reimbursement obligation to the U.S. Department of State.



FOREIGN SERVICE CAREER

THE FOREIGN SERVICE is a corps of working professionals who support the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of State in pursuit of the goals and objectives of American foreign policy. Foreign Service Officers are "front-line" personnel who can be sent anywhere in the world, at any time, in service to the diplomatic needs of the United States. A career in the Foreign Service requires unusual commitment, uncommon motivation, and the ability to endure hardship while continuing to advance and defend U.S. interests.



State Department Foreign Service Officers staff U.S. embassies, consulates and missions world-wide, and also serve in Washington, D.C. Their responsibilities include policy analysis, formulation and execution; management of resources; the provision of services to Americans overseas; implementation of U.S. immigration and nationality law; trade promotion and business facilitation; public affairs; and representation of U.S. interests. Many other federal agencies, from the Agency for International Development to the Department of Veterans Affairs, are also involved in foreign affairs, but the State Department is the only agency whose sole mission is international and whose scope encompasses all aspects of U.S. foreign relations.

Success in the Foreign Service requires the capacity to accept and follow directives regardless of personal preferences and a very strong command of the English language in both written and oral communications. The Foreign Service is more than a job. It is a career which offers unique rewards, opportunities, and challenges.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOREIGN SERVICE, SEE
www.careers.state.gov OR www.state.gov.

APPLICATIONS

The Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship application is available online at www.woodrow.org.

Online application and all supporting documents must be **submitted by February 3, 2009**.

Letters of recommendation, and all paper documents required per online instructions, should be mailed to:

Dr. Richard O. Hope, Director
Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs
Fellowship Program
THE WOODROW WILSON
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**PUBLIC LAW 101-246
101ST CONGRESS
104 STAT.42 SECTION 47**

**GRANTS FOR TRAINING
AND EDUCATION
IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

"The Secretary of State may make grants to post-secondary educational institutions or students for the purpose of increasing the level of knowledge and awareness of and interest in employment with the Foreign Service, consistent with section 105 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980. To the extent possible, the Secretary shall give special emphasis to promoting such knowledge and awareness of, and interest in employment with the Foreign Service among minority students. Any grants awarded shall be made pursuant to regulations to be established by the Secretary of State, which shall provide for a limit on the size of any specific grant and, regarding any grants to individuals, shall ensure that no grant recipient receives an amount of grants from one or more Federal programs which in the aggregate would exceed the cost of his or her education, and shall require satisfactory educational progress by grantees as a condition of eligibility for continued receipt of grant funds."

February 16, 1990