

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_  
Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_  
Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_  
Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

## Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship

### Award Details:

#### *Emphasis:*

Academic

Research

Language

Experiential

International

#### *Brief Description:*

The Rangel Graduate Fellowship is a program that aims to attract and prepare outstanding young people for careers in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State in which they can help formulate, represent and implement U.S. foreign policy. The Rangel Program selects outstanding Rangel Fellows annually in a highly competitive nationwide process and supports them through two years of graduate study, internships, mentoring, and professional development activities. This program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need. Fellows who successfully complete the program and Foreign Service entry requirements will receive appointments as Foreign Service Officers, one of the most exciting and rewarding careers available.

Rangel Fellows are committed to serving their country and promoting positive change globally. Individuals who have successfully completed the Rangel Program are now making a difference in countries throughout the world, including Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Venezuela, South Africa, Nigeria, Angola, China, Korea, Bangladesh, Spain and Ireland.

In 2018 the Rangel Program plans to award 30 fellowships of up to \$37,500 annually for a two-year period for tuition, room, board, books and mandatory fees for completion of two-year master's degrees. This includes up to \$21,500 per year for tuition and mandatory fees and an academic year stipend of \$16,000. At the conclusion of two years of study, the Rangel Fellow is expected to have obtained a degree in international affairs or another area of relevance to the work of the Foreign Service (curriculum below) at a graduate or professional school approved by the Rangel Program. Awardees are expected to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 throughout their period of study.

Can The Award Be Deferred?                      Yes

Can The Award Be Renewed?                      No

### Scholarship Conditions:

#### *Fellowship Recipient Obligations:*

Becoming a Rangel Fellow means that you are committed to pursuing a two-year master's degree program in a field related to the Department of State's Foreign Service, becoming a U.S. Department of State Foreign Service Officer and representing your country and its interests abroad and at home. Upon accepting the fellowship, you will sign a contract that clearly outlines your benefits and responsibilities as a Fellow. In addition to the rigorous academic requirements of being a Rangel Fellow, there are strict security, medical and suitability requirements which must be fulfilled and maintained to remain in the program. Additionally, there is a minimum five-year service commitment. The five-year service commitment begins upon entry into the Foreign Service. Failure to meet the contractual obligations, including obtaining and maintaining required medical, security and suitability clearances may result in your disqualification from the fellowship program and reimbursement to the U.S. Government of financial assistance paid in connection with your education.

## Eligibility:

Applicant Education Level:	Senior undergraduate and graduate students
Open to (Non-US) International Students:	No
Required to Demonstrate Financial Need:	Yes
Specified Majors:	None
Minimum GPA:	3.2

## Candidate Profile: Key Characteristics Sought By Review Committee

- Interest in a career as a diplomat in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State
- Commitment to public service
- Interest in international affairs
- Diversity of background and interests
- Strong leadership skills
- Resilience in overcoming obstacles
- Financial need

## Selection:

Number of Candidates Awarded Each Year:	30
Interview:	In-Person (Travel Costs Covered)
Approximate Date Selected Candidates Are Notified:	Late Fall

## Contact Information:

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## Information Sessions:

Webinars for Candidates:	Yes, Summer, Fall, Winter
Webinars for Advisors:	No

## Website:

Official Website:	<a href="https://www.rangelprogram.org/graduate-fellowship-program/">https://www.rangelprogram.org/graduate-fellowship-program/</a>
Application Components:	<a href="https://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/application_components">https://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/application_components</a>

Application:

Date Application is Available:	Summer
Application Due Date:	Fall
Application Must Be Submitted By:	Candidate
Institutional Endorsement Required:	No
Institutional Cover Letter Required:	No

Application Process:

<i>The application includes the following</i>		Deadline	Date Completed
Online Application			_____
Personal Statement <sup>1</sup>			_____
Financial Statement <sup>2</sup>			_____
Two Letters of Recommendation <sup>3</sup>			_____
Name	Position	Date Notified	Date Completed
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Proof of U.S. Citizenship <sup>4</sup>			_____
Student Aid Report from 2017-2018 Academic Year <sup>5</sup>			_____
GRE or GMAT Scores (Optional)			_____
Official Financial Aid Statement From Senior Year			_____
All Transcripts			_____

1. A personal statement (in 600 words or less) that discusses the applicants' reasons for applying, interest in foreign affairs, commitment to pursue a Foreign Service career and any relevant experience or information.

2. A statement (in 400 words or less) from the applicant that discusses his/her need for financial assistance to attend graduate school, including an explanation of:

1. The financial assistance received during undergraduate studies
2. Overall education-related debt
3. Ability/plans to pay for graduate school independently

3. Two letters of recommendation:

- One from a faculty member
- One from a community leader or other individual who can comment on the applicant's non-academic accomplishments and his/her potential

Note: In the online application, applicants will identify recommenders, who will be contacted by the program and asked to submit letters electronically.

4. Proof of U.S. citizenship with a copy of: (choose one)

- Birth certificate
- Certificate of U.S. citizenship
- U.S. passport
- (Note: This should be uploaded in easy to ready PDF format.)
- \*\* Applicants are required to bring originals to the interview, if selected as a finalist.