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 Graduation Year: _____
 Major 1: _____
 Major 2: _____
 Major 3: _____
 Minor(s): _____
 Academic Advisor(s): _____

Student ID: _____

Hometown: _____
 Concentration: _____
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Pickering Fellowship

Award Details:

Emphasis:

Academic

Research

Language

Experiential

International

Brief Description:

The Pickering Fellowship is designed to develop a source of trained individuals who are dedicated to pursuing Foreign Service careers and representing America's interests abroad. The Fellowship identifies and attracts, based on financial need, outstanding students who represent racial, ethnic, gender, social, and geographic diversity and prepares them academically and professionally for a career in the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service by providing financial support, mentoring, and professional development.

Pickering Fellowship Program Benefits

- Up to \$37,500 annually for tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees and some travel expenses for a two-year master's degree in fields related to the Foreign Service such as business administration, economics, public policy, international affairs, and other relevant fields.
- Two summer internships, one at a domestic office of the Department of State in Washington, D.C. and one overseas at a U.S. embassy or consulate. The program provides stipends, transportation and housing for these internships.
- Orientation to the Program and the Foreign Service at the Department of State.
- Mentoring from a Foreign Service Officer throughout the duration of the fellowship.
- Employment in the Department of State Foreign Service for those who successfully complete the program and Foreign Service entry requirements.

Can The Award Be Deferred? Yes

Can The Award Be Renewed? No

Scholarship Conditions:

- Only individuals who are United States citizens.
- Applicants must be seeking admission to a U.S. graduate school beginning in fall 2018.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application and this grade point average must be maintained throughout participation in the program.
- Applicants must enroll in a two-year, full-time master's degree program, at U.S. based graduate institutions only, 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) and be prepared to enter the Foreign Service in Summer 2020.
- Applicants must be able to attend June 2018 orientation in Washington, D.C. if selected.
- Applicants must be available to fulfill the summer internship obligations (summer 2019 & summer 2020)
- The Fellowship requires a 5-year service commitment to the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service upon completion. All necessary clearances (medical, security, and suitability) must be obtained and maintained throughout the duration of the Fellowship in addition to maintaining a 3.2 GPA.

Eligibility:

Applicant Education Level:	Junior, Senior, completed undergraduate
Open to (Non-US) International Students:	No
Required to Demonstrate Financial Need:	No
Specified Majors:	International affairs, area studies, political science, public administration, economics, language, security studies, etc.
Minimum GPA:	3.2
Age Limit:	50

Candidate Profile: Key Characteristics Sought By Review Committee

- Dedication to public service.
- 13 Dimensions of a Foreign Service Officer:
 1. Composure
 2. Cultural Adaptability
 3. Experience and Motivation
 4. Information Integration and Analysis
 5. Initiative and Leadership
 6. Judgement
 7. Objectivity and Integrity
 8. Oral Communication
 9. Planning and Organizing
 10. Resourcefulness
 11. Working with Others
 12. Written Communication
 13. Quantitative Analysis

Selection:

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

Contact Information:

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Information Sessions:

Webinars for Candidates:	No
Webinars for Advisors:	No

Website:

Official Website: <http://www.twc.edu/thomas-r-pickering-foreign-affairs-fellowship-program>

Fellowship Recipient Obligations: <http://www.twc.edu/thomas-r-pickering-foreign-affairs-fellowship-program/fellowship-recipient-obligations>

Application:

Date Application is Available: Fall

Application Due Date: January 12, 2018

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		1/12/2018	_____
Unofficial Copy of Transcripts ¹		1/12/2018	_____
Copy of Certification of U.S. Citizenship		1/12/2018	_____
GRE/GMAT Scores		1/12/2018	_____
Personal Statement ²		1/12/2018	_____
Updated Resume ³		1/12/2018	_____
Most Recent Financial Aid Award Letter (listing grants or loans)		1/12/2018	_____
Most Recent Student Aid Report (SAR)		1/12/2018	_____
Statement of Financial Need ⁴		1/12/2018	_____
Two Letters of Recommendation ⁵		1/12/2018	_____
Name	Position	Date Notified	Date Completed
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

1. All schools attended for one or more academic years.

2. Please review the thirteen dimensions of a Foreign Service Officer and enter a personal statement explaining why you want to pursue a career in the Foreign Service. Highlight your motivations, as well as your background, experiences and skills that will help you succeed. The personal statement must not exceed 750 words.

3. Your resume should be no more than two pages long. It should include relevant work, volunteer, internship and/or community activities.

4. Prepare a short statement explaining your need for financial assistance, including assistance you received during your undergraduate studies, your overall education-related debt, and your ability/plans to pay for graduate school and/or your final year of undergrad (depending on whether you are applying for the Graduate or Undergraduate Fellowship). This statement must not exceed 400 words.

5. Provide letters of recommendation

- Request letters from two recommenders. Select recommenders who can explain why you are uniquely qualified for the fellowship. If you were enrolled in a degree-granting program within the last two years, one letter must be from a professor or faculty member who knows you. The other letter may be from someone else familiar with your college, volunteer, work, or community activities.
- Add your two recommenders in the online application. Under the "Letter of Recommendation" tab, scroll to the bottom and click on the "Add Reference" button. You will be asked to enter your recommender's e-mail address.
- Once you click the "Submit Request" button, your recommenders will receive an email from The Washington Center, requesting that they submit an online recommendation on your behalf. Recommenders will be taken to an online form where they will enter some information before uploading and submitting their recommendation letter.
- You will automatically receive a notification email when your recommender completes your recommendation. If you do not receive a notification email in a timely fashion, please follow up with your recommender to ensure that they still intend to complete your recommendation by the application deadline.

Letters of recommendation received after the deadline will not be accepted. Applications that do not contain both letters of recommendation are incomplete and will not be considered. No more than two (2) letters of recommendation will be allowed.

NOTE: All PDF files should be labeled *Lastname, Firstname – Document*

Example: Transcript

Lastname, Firstname – Transcript

See website for further details if necessary.