STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

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NSEP Boren Scholarships and Fellowships

As a student in the School of Business & Industry, Jodi-Kayewade engaged in three study abroad experiences, one in China and two in Bangladesh. She applied for and received three U.S. Department of State funded awards, a Critical Language Scholarship, a Fulbright Research Grant and the Boren Fellowship. She complete her Boren program in Dhaka, Bangladesh. As a former Boren Fellow, she now works with a private contractor of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Jodi-Kayerecently received the USAID M/OAA Pinch Hitter Award, given by the Director/Procurement Executive in recognition of “going the extra mile to complete one’s duties, take on special assignments and helping co-workers.”

The Boren programs for undergraduates and graduates focus on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. It draws on a broad definition of national security, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including: sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness. In the required personal statement, applicants must indicate how their study programs and future goals are connected to this broad understanding of national security. Applicants must apply through the Boren Campus Representative, Ms. Karen Mitchell, the education abroad coordinator in the Office of International Education & Development, 304 N. Perry-Paige Building.

Boren Scholarships offer unique opportunities for U.S. undergraduates to study abroad in world regions critical to U.S. interests in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America & the Caribbean, and the Middle East. Boren promotes long term linguistic and cultural immersion. Study abroad proposals for two or more semesters are strongly encouraged. Preference will be given to undergraduate applicants who plan to pursue a full-year academic study.

- $8,000 for special summer program initiative in the STEM areas
- $10,000 for fall or spring semester
- $20,000 for a full academic year of study
- Deadline: February 5, 2014 (An earlier deadline is set by the Boren Campus Representative.

The Boren Fellowships enable U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in an area study or foreign language study in world regions other than Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Boren Fellows often pursue careers related to international affairs in federal government agencies, such as the Department of State or USAID. Fellowship awards are made for a minimum of 12 weeks and maximum of 24 months and begin no earlier than June 1, 2014 and no later than March 1, 2015. Overseas programs may begin no later than March 1, 2015 and can be no longer than one year. It offers limited funding for intensive language study to be done in the United States the summer before the overseas study up to $12,000. Applicants in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields may apply for domestic language funding during the summer and/or academic year.

- Up to $24,000 for study abroad and $12,000 for domestic intensive language study
- In exchange for fellowship funding, all Boren Fellows must agree to the NSEP Service Requirement to work in a federal agency for a year.
- Deadline: January 28, 2014

For more information, visit the comprehensive web site, http://www.borenawards.org.
Graduating seniors or young professionals applying to graduate school who want to work on the front lines of some of the most pressing global challenges of modern times — poverty, hunger, injustice, disease, environmental degradation, climate change, conflict and violent extremism — should explore careers with the Foreign Service of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

To develop a cadre of talented professionals, USAID announces the USAID Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship Program. It seeks to attract outstanding young people who are interested in pursuing careers in the Foreign Service of USAID. It provides an opportunity to advance U.S. foreign policy interests and reflect the American people's compassion and support of human dignity. The Payne Fellowship, which provides up to $90,000 in benefits over two years for graduate school, internships, and professional development activities, provides a unique pathway to the USAID Foreign Service. Five fellowships will be awarded.

The Payne Fellowship encourages the application of members of minority groups who have historically been underrepresented in international development careers and those with financial need. The fellowship is named in honor of longtime development champion, the late Congressman Donald Payne. It is funded by USAID and administered by Howard University. Fellowship recipients can use the award to attend U.S. graduate programs throughout the country. If they meet the eligibility requirements, they will join the USAID Foreign Service upon completion of the program. Fellows must complete a three year service requirement with USAID.

Eligibility Requirements
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Applicants must be seeking admission to enter graduate school in the fall of 2014 for a two-year program at a U.S. university. They can be in the senior year of their undergraduate studies, graduating by June 2014, or they be college graduates.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.
- Application Deadline is January 27, 2014.

Check out the comprehensive web site at www.paynefellows.org.

It is an outstanding opportunity for students in seeking graduate degrees in such disciplines as agriculture sciences, business administration, environmental sciences, economics, history, political science, public administration, foreign languages, or urban planning.

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies or credit-bearing, career-oriented internships abroad. Such international exchange is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in a global economy and interdependent world.

Students who apply for and receive the Gilman International Scholarship are also eligible to receive a Critical Need Language Award from the Gilman Scholarship Program of $8,000. Applicants who are studying a critical need language while abroad in a country in which the language is predominantly spoken will automatically be considered for the Critical Need Language Award. Applicants must work with Ms. Karen Mitchell, the Campus Gilman Advisor. She will assist students in completing components of the application process.

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is open to all U.S. citizen undergraduates, in good academic standing, who meet the criteria listed below:

- Receiving a Federal Pell Grant or provide proof that he/she will be receiving a Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of his/her study abroad program or internship
- Applying to or has been accepted into a study abroad program or internship eligible for credit by the student’s accredited institution of higher education in the U.S.
- Studying or interning abroad at least four weeks in one country (programs going to more than one country eligible if the student will be in one country for at least four consecutive weeks)
- Studying or interning abroad in any country except Cuba or a country on the Department of State’s current Travel Warning list

The student deadline for Summer 2014 and Fall 2014 is March 4, 2014 for the online application. The campus advisor deadline is March 11 for submitting the online Study Abroad Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor. Visit the Gilman web site at: http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program
The Rangel Graduate Fellowship aims to attract and prepare outstanding young people for careers in the Foreign Service in which they can help formulate, represent and implement U.S. foreign policy. Applicants must be U.S. citizens seeking entry in a two-year graduate program. The deadline for submitting the on-line application is January 17, 2014.

Each year, the Rangel Program selects 20 outstanding Rangel Fellows in a highly competitive nationwide process and helps support them through two years of graduate study, internships and professional development activities, and entry into the Foreign Service. This program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service and those with financial need.

Applicants represent different fields of study and must engage in graduate study in areas relevant to international affairs, such as economics, history, political science, public administration, communications/journalism, public policy, business administration, or a foreign language.

**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 for these internships
- Up to $35,000 annually toward tuition, fees and living expenses for a two-year master’s degree in international affairs, public administration, or another area relevant to the work of the Foreign Service.
- 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 three years of service as a Foreign Service Officer.

[www.rangelprogram.org](http://www.rangelprogram.org/)

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**Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program**

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Seeking a Foreign Service that reflects American diversity, the fellowship is designed to attract outstanding individuals from all ethnic, racial and social backgrounds who have an interest in a Foreign Service career with the U.S. Department of State.

The Pickering Fellowship has undergraduate and graduate program components. Undergraduate applicants apply as rising seniors and graduate applicants must be seeking admission to a two-year master’s degree program in the fall for fall 2014. 2014 Fellows receive financial support of up to $40,000 annually for tuition costs (first priority), room and board, books, mandatory fees, and one round trip ticket between the Fellow’s residence and graduate school. Undergraduate Fellows receive funding for their senior year and first year of graduate school.

Graduating Summa Cum Laude from FAMU with a degree in 2008, Jasmine White received the Pickering Fellowship to attend the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She received the Master’s of Public Administration (2009) and the Master’s of Arts in International Relations (2010). A Public Diplomacy Officer, She is assigned to the U.S. Mission to the African Union.

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**2015-2016 U.S. Fulbright Scholar Programs for Faculty**


**Core Fulbright Program:** The core Fulbright Scholar Program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year. Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. The 2015-2016 competition opens Feb. 1, 2014.

**Fulbright Specialist Program:** The Specialist Program is designed to provide short-term academic opportunities (two to six weeks) for U.S. faculty and professionals. Shorter grant lengths give Specialist flexibility to pursue a grant that works best with their current academic or professional load. The program has a rolling deadline.

**NEXUS Regional Scholar Program:** The NEXUS program provides a platform for selected participants to engage in collaborative thinking, analysis, problem-solving and multi-disciplinary research. The emphasis will be placed on climate change adaptation strategies and public policy research that examine strategies to cope with climate variability. Up to 20 individuals from the Western Hemisphere region will engage in team-based research. The deadline is April 1, 2014.

**Fulbright Distinguished Chair Awards:** These Awards are viewed as among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Candidates should be senior scholars and have a significant publication and teaching record. The 2015-2016 competition opens Feb. 1, 2014.

**Fulbright International Education Administrators Program:** The IEA seminars are designed to introduce participants to the society, culture and higher education systems in France or Germany through campus visits, meetings with foreign colleagues and government officials, attendance at cultural events and briefings on education. Participants gain perspective on the need to internationalize U.S. campuses and insight into how it can be done. The deadline for participating in the Germany or France seminars is Feb. 1, 2014.