

Explore pathways to international public service, forge long-lasting connections, and develop skills to prepare for a future career in diplomacy and U.S. foreign policy.

This U.S. Department of State fellowship program provides an engaging and meaningful summer learning experience in Washington, D.C. like no other.

Not just a summer internship program, this fellowship is designed to provide opportunities and pathways to international public service as well as to develop skills for a career with the U.S. Department of State.

As a Nancy Pelosi Fellow in the 2025 cohort, you will receive:

- A paid summer internship with a foreign affairs think tank, foundation, or NGO to gain direct professional experience with an organization dedicated to global service and engagement.
- Full financial support for travel and temporary housing expenses.
- Professional development workshops and career-enhancing activities provided by the Washington Center during your summer internship and the following semester.
- Mentoring from senior-level diplomats at the U.S. Department of State.
- Direct insight into the service elements, benefits, challenges and requirements of a Foreign Affairs career and an understanding of entryways to the Foreign and Civil Service career tracks at the U.S. State Department.
- Opportunities to forge lasting connections and develop skills to prepare for future work as foreign affairs professionals and diplomats.
- The opportunity to apply for a second paid summer internship in 2026 with an office of the Department of State through the well-established Student Internship Program (SIP).





To be eligible to apply for the 2025 cohort, you must:

- · Be a U.S. citizen.
- · Be enrolled in a degree-seeking program and be considered a rising sophomore at the start of the Summer 2025 internship.
- Hold a minimum 3.2 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- · Demonstrate financial need.
- Exhibit outstanding leadership and academic achievement.
- · Have an interest in completing up to two paid summer internship rotations approximately one year apart.
- · Be able to obtain a secret security clearance for a second summer internship opportunity in 2026 with the Department of State's Student Internship Program.

Are You Ready to Start Your Journey?

Your paid summer internship in Washington, D.C. will be at a foreign affairs think tank, foundation, or NGO. You'll get an insider's view of how these organizations generate research, analysis and advice to support policymakers on domestic and international issues.

Get ready for transformational experience in D.C., with opportunities to interact with diplomats at the U.S. Department of State, receive personalized mentoring, attend professional development workshops and participate in career enrichment activities.

Housing

Fully furnished housing in Washington, D.C. is provided by TWC. Housing accommodations can, and typically do, require shared living arrangements with other interns. Every effort is made to arrange housing near essential amenities like grocery stores, public transit and medical facilities.

Dates and Deadlines

- January 18

 March 10, 2025: Applications accepted
- April 2025: Notification of finalist selections sent via email
- April/May 2025: Finalists participate remotely in interview and selection process
- July August 2025: Five-week paid internship and career enrichment programming in Washington, D.C.
- October 2025: Fellows may apply to the U.S. Department of State's Student Internship Program (SIP)
- May-July to August/September 2026: Successful SIP applicants participate in the Department of State's Student Internship Program

How to Apply

The application for the Nancy Pelosi Fellowship 2025 cohort is open January 18 – March 10, 2025. The deadline to submit your application is March 10, 2025, at 11:59 pm (EDT).

Visit the Nancy Pelosi web page at NancyPelosiFellowship.org to learn more.

