

Foreign Affairs Information Technology Fellowship

Empowering Future Technology Leaders for the U.S. Foreign Service

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Use Your Tech Skills to Support Diplomacy

The U.S. Department of State seeks to attract top technology talent to the Foreign Service that reflects the diversity of the United States.

Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and those with financial need are encouraged to apply to this challenging and rewarding opportunity.



The Foreign Affairs Information Technology (FAIT) Fellowship is designed for highly talented individuals who want to pursue an IT-related undergraduate or graduate degree and a technology career in the Foreign Service.

Benefits of the two-year fellowship program include:

- **Up to $43,500 annually** (for two years) in academic funding for tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees and some travel expenses.
- **Two summer internships:** A domestic internship in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Department of State and an overseas internship at a U.S. embassy or consulate.
- **Stipends, housing and travel allowances** for the two summer internships.
- **Personalized mentoring** from a Foreign Service Diplomatic Technology Officer (DTO) throughout the duration of the fellowship.
- **Professional development**, including a 10-week series during the first summer in D.C.
- **An appointment in the Foreign Service as a Diplomatic Technology Officer (DTO)** upon successful completion of the fellowship and the Foreign Service entry requirements.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to apply, you must meet all the criteria below:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time IT-related degree program at a U.S.-based accredited institution.
- Be on a timeline to earn your degree (bachelor's or master's) after attending four full-time semesters during your two years of the FAIT Fellowship program.
- Hold a minimum cumulative 3.2 GPA on a 4.0 scale at the time of the application and maintain this GPA throughout the program.
- For the graduate fellowship:
  - Be seeking admission to enter a full-time, IT-related master's degree program that starts in fall of the FAIT Fellowship cohort year.
- For the undergraduate fellowship:
  - Community college students in an associate degree program must be seeking admission to enter a full-time, IT-related bachelor's degree program that starts in fall of the FAIT Fellowship cohort year.
  - Four-year college/university students must be enrolled full-time in an IT-related bachelor's degree program AND on a timeline to graduate at the end of the two-year FAIT Fellowship program.
  - Students enrolled in an accelerated bachelor's/master's IT-related degree program must be on a timeline to graduate at the end of the two-year FAIT Fellowship program.

For detailed information about the timeline for the current FAIT Fellowship application cohort year, please see the website **FAITFellowship.org**.

As a Foreign Service DTO, you will help safeguard communications and promote transparent, interconnected diplomacy throughout more than 270 U.S. embassies, consulates and missions.



You will have the unique opportunity to engage in diplomacy and make a positive impact worldwide – all while developing yourself personally and professionally.



Every day, you will experience the challenge and excitement of a technology career at the forefront of diplomacy.





Obligations of a FAIT Fellow

As a FAIT Fellow, you must:

- Attend the orientation in Washington, D.C., which takes place in June after selection.
- Obtain and maintain security and suitability clearances and meet minimum medical qualification standards.
- Maintain your status as a full-time student (fall and spring semesters) in your approved degree program.
- Maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA and stay on the two-year timeline to graduate with your degree.
- Fulfill the summer internship obligations during your first year and second year as a FAIT Fellow.
- Agree to a minimum five-year commitment with the Foreign Service as a DTO upon successful completion of the program and the Foreign Service requirements.
- Be prepared to enter the Foreign Service at the end of the two-year fellowship program.

What is a Diplomatic Technology Officer

Diplomatic Technology Officers (DTO) are highly adaptive IT professionals who thrive in an ever-changing environment. They are at the forefront of managing and protecting the technology that enables modern diplomacy.

As a DTO, you will be part of a global team shaping the future of diplomatic technology. You will apply your IT skills in areas such as system administration, cybersecurity, network engineering, business analytics, and project management. You will serve your country by maintaining secure, reliable IT tools and resources ensuring that the U.S. State Department, other federal agencies, non-government partners, and Americans overseas can effectively communicate.

DTOs have access to: world-class training and career development programs; health and medical coverage; federal retirement benefits and generous paid leave. Overseas benefits include paid housing or a housing allowance, and paid education for dependent children in K-12.

Find more information at faitfellowship.org/dto-career.

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