

## Foreign Affairs Information Technology Fellowship

If you want to use your tech skills to make a difference, see the world, experience different cultures, and shape the future of diplomatic technology the [Foreign Affairs Information Technology \(FAIT\) Fellowship](#) is the opportunity of a lifetime.

Funded by the U.S. Department of State, this two-year Fellowship program is a path to a career in the Foreign Service by providing academic funding for an IT-related degree, internships, professional development, and mentorship – culminating in an appointment in the Foreign Service as a [Diplomatic Technology Officer \(DTO\)](#).

As one of several high-profile U.S. Department of State diversity recruitment programs, the Foreign Affairs Information Technology (FAIT) Fellowship seeks to attract top technology talent to the Foreign Service that reflects the diversity of the United States. Based on the fundamental principle that diversity is a strength in our diplomatic efforts, the FAIT Fellowship program values varied backgrounds, including ethnic, racial, gender, and geographic diversity. Women, members of minority groups underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and those with financial need, are encouraged to apply.

The program is designed for highly talented individuals who want to pursue an IT-related undergraduate or graduate degree (such as computer science, information technology, cybersecurity, computer engineering, IT services administration, and computer systems networking and more), and a career in the Foreign Service.

This unique two-year fellowship prepares you to enter the Foreign Service as a Diplomatic Technology Officer by providing:

- Up to \$43,500 annually (for two years) in academic funding for tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees, and some travel expenses.
- Stipends, housing, and travel allowances for the 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.
- Personalized mentoring and professional development opportunities throughout the program.

Upon successful completion of the fellowship program and the State Department's entry requirements, fellows receive an appointment in the Foreign Service as a [Diplomatic Technology Officer](#). Fellows agree to a five-year commitment upon entry into the Foreign Service.

### Applications for the 2025 Cohort

The application for the 2025 cohort will open in September of 2024 and close in January of 2025. To be eligible to apply for the 2025 cohort, 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.
- 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 in fall 2025 AND on a timeline to graduate in spring 2027 after completing four full-time semesters.
- Four-year college/university students must be enrolled full-time in an IT-related bachelor's degree program AND on a timeline to graduate in spring 2027 after completing four full-time semesters starting in fall 2025.
- Students enrolled in an accelerated bachelor's/master's IT-related degree program must be on a timeline to graduate in spring 2027 after completing four full-time semesters starting in fall 2025.
- For the graduate fellowship:
  - Individuals must be seeking admission to enter a full-time, IT-related master's degree in fall 2025 AND be on a timeline to graduate in spring 2027 after completing four full-time semesters.
- Hold a minimum 3.2 GPA on a 4.0 scale at the time of the application and maintain this GPA throughout the program.

### **Contact Us with Questions**

We'd love to talk with you and answer your questions. Send us an email at [faitfellowship@twc.edu](mailto:faitfellowship@twc.edu) to let us know your contact information and the best time to reach you.