

International Affairs Opportunities for Students of Color

Freshman and Sophomores:

- The Harvard Kennedy School hosts a great conference for first-years and sophomores. The **Public Policy and Leadership Conference (PPLC)** is designed to inform students about careers in the public sector. The conference will encourage students who possess a commitment to public service to prepare for graduate study in public policy and international affairs, as well as to provide information on financial support through various fellowship programs. The conference is on Thursday, February 19 through Sunday morning, February 22. Applications are due November 21st. For more information about the program, please visit <http://www.hks.harvard.edu/degrees/admissions/pplc>. It truly is a great opportunity that exposes you to even more opportunities in international affairs.

- A great fellowship opportunity for sophomores interested in international affairs is the **Institute for International Public Policy Fellowship**. This fellowship serves to enhance US national security and global competitiveness by promoting excellence, international service, and awareness among a broader, more representative cross-section of the American citizenry. We prepare a cadre of well-trained, language proficient minority young people to compete in the global marketplace. IIPP helps ensure that those entrusted with the affairs of the United States (foreign as well as domestic) reflect the diversity that defines us as Americans and confronts us as citizens of the global village. You can find out more about the application process here: <http://www.uncfsp.org/spknowledge/default.aspx?page=program.view&areaid=2&contentid=425&typeid=iipp>.

- A similar fellowship for sophomores, the **Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship** becomes available later this month. The fellowship award includes tuition, room, board, and mandatory fees during the junior and senior years of college and during the first year of graduate study. Each year's award also includes reimbursement for books and for travel (one round trip per academic year, up to a set maximum amount). The Fellow must commit to pursuing a master's degree in international studies at one of the graduate schools participating in the program and to four and a half years with the Department of State. Participating graduate schools provide financial support in the second year of graduate study based on need. More information is available here: http://www.woodrow.org/fellowships/foreign_affairs/pickering_undergrad/index.php.

Juniors and Seniors:

- For juniors and seniors, **The Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellowship Program** is designed to prepare college juniors or rising seniors from diverse backgrounds for graduate studies in public and/or international affairs and groom them for professional roles in public service. There is an array of opportunities under the Fellowship which span a period of development from the junior year of college to beyond the completion of a graduate degree. If accepted, you are placed at a summer policy institute at one of five graduate schools, and are provided with some funding for graduate school. This application is due on November 1st. For more information, visit: <http://www.ppiaprogram.org/>.

- For juniors and seniors, **the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program** is designed to provide students with a deeper appreciation of current issues and trends in international affairs, enhance their knowledge and skills to pursue international affairs careers, and expose them to career opportunities in the international arena. The program is open to full-time

undergraduate students who will complete their sophomore year in college before the program begins. The six-week program at Howard University in Washington, DC includes three academic courses and additional seminars and visits to give students exposure to key policymakers and practitioners of international affairs. Students who are accepted received tuition, travel, room and board, as well as a stipend, for the program. For more information, visit:

<http://www.howard.edu/rjb/rangelprogram-old2.htm>.

- For juniors interested in studying abroad, **Boren Scholarships** provide up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin American, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. Boren Scholars study less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili. For more information, visit: http://www.borenawards.org/boren_scholarship.
- If you are interested in continuing to further your foreign language studies during the summer, there is the **Davis Fellowship for Peace**. The program provides a stipend (full tuition/room and board) for you to study at one of the Middlebury Language Schools. The application is due February 2, 2009 and you can find out more information at: www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/applications/kwd.htm. Applications will become available shortly.

Seniors and Recent Graduates:

- For Seniors and recent graduates, two great opportunities that will kick start a career in the Foreign Service with the US State Department are the **Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship Program** and the **Graduate Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program**.

The *Rangel Program* will award up to twenty fellowships of up to \$32,500 annually towards tuition, room, board, books and mandatory fees for completion of a two-year master's degree in an area of relevance to the work of the Foreign Service. Fellows who successfully complete the Rangel Program and Foreign Service entry requirements will receive an appointment as a Foreign Service Officer embarking on one of the most exciting and rewarding careers available and will be required to serve a minimum of three years. Rangel Fellows will also participate in two internships. The first, an internship working for a Member of Congress in Washington, DC, will occur in the summer after being selected and before the first year of graduate study. The second will be an overseas internship in a U. S. Embassy that takes place during the summer between the first and second years of graduate study. Fellows also receive mentoring from a Foreign Service Officer throughout the duration of the fellowship. For more information, visit

http://www.howard.edu/rjb/rangelprogram_old.htm.

Similarly, the *Graduate Pickering Program* covers tuition, room, board, and mandatory fees for the first year and second year of graduate study, with reimbursement for books and travel (one round trip per academic year, up to a set maximum amount). The program also provides stipends during participation in one domestic summer internship between the first and second year of graduate school, and one summer overseas internship following the second year of graduate school. Throughout the program, fellows receive guidance from a Foreign Service officer is provided during graduate school. Like the Rangel Program, each successful candidate is obligated to a minimum of

three years' service in an appointment as a Foreign Service officer. For more information about the Graduate Pickering Fellowship, visit:

http://www.woodrow.org/fellowships/foreign_affairs/pickering_grad/index.php.

For both programs, candidates who do not successfully complete the program and Foreign Service entry requirements may be subject to a reimbursement obligation to the Department of State.

- The NSEP **Language Flagship** offers a limited number of fellowships to qualified American students interested in receiving full financial support to participate in one of the Flagship Programs in Arabic, Central Asian Turkic languages, Korean, Mandarin, Persian, and Russian. Most Flagship programs have two components: one domestic and one overseas. The first year involves intensive language study at a domestic Flagship Institution. The second year is spent in an immersion program overseas, which is designed and managed by the domestic Flagship Institutions. All Flagship Fellows who participate in the domestic component are expected to continue with the overseas component. Flagship Fellowships are awards of up to two years that support academic expenses directly associated with participation in a Flagship Program, including tuition, a modest stipend for living expenses, and support for travel costs and health insurance coverage. For more information, visit: http://www.borenawards.org/the_language_flagship.

Graduate Students:

- For graduate students, **Boren Fellowships** provide up to \$30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interest, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin American, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. For more information, visit: http://www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship.

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PPLC '05

IIPP Fellow Cohort 11

Rangel Fellow '09