

Payne International Development Fellowship information session

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LUC Fellowship Office



The Fellowship

The Payne Fellowship covers the expenses of a two-year Master's degree program in exchange for five years of service with the U.S. Foreign Service in the U.S. Agency for International Development.



Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- Applying to a two-year Master's degree program to begin in Fall 2021
- Intent to serve in the U.S. Foreign Service, specifically the USAID, for at least five years



Benefits

\$96,000 for two-year Master's degree program

\$48,000 per year

\$22,000 toward tuition and fees*

\$26,000 living expenses

***IMPORTANT!** Many graduate schools have policies that will provides a full tuition waiver or tuition scholarship two Payne Fellows



Benefits

Two summer internships

- First summer internship in Washington DC
- Second summer internship overseas

Mentoring

Mentoring throughout the degree program, summer internships, and first years of service from the Foreign Service Officer



Application

- Application form
- Two essays
 - 600- word personal statement
 - 400-word description of financial need
- Two rec letters
 - One from faculty (academic ability)
 - One from community leader (commitment to service)
- Other citizenship and financial aid documents (SAR)



Timeline

Submit complete online application by
Sunday, November 1, 10:59 p.m. CDT

Finalists chosen for interviews in
first week of December

In-person interviews in Washington, DC
in mid-January

*{Proceeding as normal. If still pandemic,
will accommodate.}*



Resources

- Payne Fellowship website
- USAID website
- Fellowship Office,
for essay review



Other fellowships like the Payne

- Rangel Fellowship
- Pickering Fellowship*
{*Current Fellow Trisha Camara*}
- FAIT Fellowship



Questions?

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