Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program

The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program offers an intensive six-week summer program designed to provide undergraduate students ("Rangel Scholars") with an appreciation of current issues and trends in international affairs, an understanding of career opportunities in the field, and higher knowledge and skills to pursue such careers. The program is a U.S. Department of State program collaboratively administered by the National Foreign Affairs Training Center and Howard University.

The Summer Enrichment Program takes place at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The Program provides two courses that focus on enhancing knowledge and skills related to U.S. foreign policy and economics, plus a writing seminar. To give the Scholars greater insight into the foreign policy making process and international affairs careers, the Rangel Program introduces them to a wide range of professionals from government and non-governmental organizations who work on global issues. It arranges trips to various governmental and non-governmental institutions involved in international affairs and explores options for professional development, graduate study, fellowships, and internships.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Full-time undergraduate students with at least sophomore status
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale
- U.S. citizenship

PROGRAM BENEFITS

ACADEMIC

Two for-credit courses at Howard University for up to six credit hours, plus a seminar on professional writing.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Scholars explore international careers by meeting public and private sector professionals and by visiting the Department of State, international organizations, and NGOs. The Program also discusses graduate school, scholarship and internship opportunities and helps students hone key professional skills.

FINANCIAL

The Program covers tuition, roundtrip travel to D.C., room and board, and provides a stipend.

APPLICATION DATES

Application Opens: November 2, 2026
Application closes: February 4, 2027

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ACADEMIC

The Summer Enrichment Program offers the following two for-credit courses and one not-for-credit seminar at Howard University over the six-week period: **History of U.S. Foreign Relations, Political Economy and Professional Writing.**

HISTORY OF U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS

An exploration into the major events and themes in U.S. foreign relations since the 19th century that identifies the widest possible causes, actors, and effects of foreign relations.

POLITICAL ECONOMY

A review of the U.S. economy that introduces terms and tools used in public policy analysis and discusses current international economic topics including trade, globalization, and the role of international financial institutions.

A NON-CREDIT PROFESSIONAL WRITING SEMINAR

An aid in developing a student's ability to draft, in a clear, concise, and persuasive manner, a variety of different types of documents needed to pursue professional and academic interests in international affairs.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Scholars meet with a wide range of professionals from government and non-governmental organizations who can talk about a range of international policy issues and internationally focused careers, including the State Department. They also explore graduate school, fellowship/scholarship, and internship options. The program also helps students develop professional skills such as writing, negotiating and presentation. Organizations visited in recent years have included:

- U.S. Department of State
- The U.S. Congress
- Central Intelligence Agency
- Department of War
- U.S. Trade Representative
- Foreign Embassies

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

The Program will be held at Howard University for six weeks during the summer from **June 17 - July 17, 2027**.

The Summer Enrichment Program is a full-time commitment, and participants can expect to be active for 7-12 hours each day during the work week, in addition to completing course assignments.

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