The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program offers a six-week summer program designed to provide undergraduate students with a deeper appreciation of current issues and trends in international affairs, a greater understanding of career opportunities in international affairs, and the enhanced knowledge and skills to pursue such careers. The Summer Enrichment Program encourages the application of students from minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need in order to fulfill the Rangel Program mission – to enhance diversity in U.S. representation abroad. The Program is a U.S. Department of State program administered by Howard University.

The International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program takes place at Howard University in Washington, D.C. To enhance participants’ academic preparation to work in international affairs, 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 also arranges trips to various governmental and non-governmental institutions involved in international affairs and explores options for graduate study, fellowships, and internships.

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, travel, room and board, and provides a stipend.

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ACADEMIC

The Summer Enrichment Program offers the following two courses at Howard University over the six-week period:

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 NOT-FOR-CREDIT SEMINAR IN PROFESSIONAL WRITING

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 have the chance to meet with a wide range of professionals from government and non-governmental organizations who can talk about diverse 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. In recent years, the Scholars have met the Director General of the Foreign Service and dozens of other foreign affairs professionals. Organizations visited in recent years include:

- U.S. Department of State
- The U.S. Congress
- The Foreign Press Center
- Central Intelligence Agency
- National Foreign Affairs Training Center
- United Nations
- Organization of American States
- Foreign Embassies
- Numerous non-governmental organizations

DATES

The Program will be held at Howard University for six weeks during the summer of 2020 from mid-June to late July. The tentative dates are June 15-July 25, 2020. Final dates will be posted on the website in early 2020.

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