

Harold W. Rosenthal Fellowship in International Relations

Preparing students for a career in public service

The Rosenthal Fellowship is a prestigious program that offers our country's most outstanding and civic-minded graduate students in international affairs the opportunity to spend a summer working to solve some of our biggest national and global challenges.

The program was established in 1977 to honor the memory of Harold Rosenthal, a Senate staff member who was a victim of a terrorist act while on official duty at age 29. The fellowship provides a select number of students with summer funding and work opportunities in a congressional or executive branch office. Fellows will benefit from unparalleled work experience while also participating in an orientation, roundtable discussions, and other leadership development events.

Fellows are selected based on their outstanding scholarly achievements, commitment to the study of international affairs, extracurricular experience and demonstrated interest in public service. Fellows may receive a summer stipend, an internship opportunity with a congressional or executive branch office, and/or invitations to participate in summer roundtables and events.

The Rosenthal Fellowship is a program of the Partnership for Public Service, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that strives for a more effective government for the American people.

ELIGIBILITY

- One year remaining in an international relations or international affairs graduate program.
- Executive branch positions are available only to U.S. citizens. Dual citizens and non-U.S. citizens may apply for a limited number of congressional positions. Please note that the Fellowship will not provide any assistance in securing visas for non-U.S. citizens.

APPLICATION AND NOMINATION PROCESS

Interested students must ask their career or placement office for an application, which the student must return to that office along with:

- Resume.
- Signed letter of recommendation on letterhead stationery from a professor or former work supervisor, providing input on the candidate's character and aptitude for future success and focusing specifically on the student's suitability for this fellowship.
- Available undergraduate and/or graduate academic transcripts.
- Two-page original writing sample on a topic in international affairs.

Students should not submit application materials to the program directly. College or universities should submit all application materials to publicservice.force.com/rosenthal/s.

MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions or would like further information, please visit RosenthalFellowship.org or email RosenthalFellowship@ourpublicservice.org.

TIMELINE

- **October 11, 2021:** Applications for the Summer 2022 cohort open. Students should check with career or placement offices to learn more about submitting an application.
- **December 3, 2021:** Nominations are due to the Rosenthal Fellowship selection committee.
- **January 24, 2022:** Schools submit fall semester transcripts.
- **January 28, 2022:** Students will be informed if they have been selected as finalists.
- **March 1-2, 2022:** Virtual interviews conducted.
- **March 18, 2022:** Selected fellows will be notified of placement.

FELLOWSHIP POSITIONS AND FUNDING

Students are encouraged to apply for summer positions in a congressional or executive branch office while they are being considered for the Rosenthal Fellowship. Students who do not secure a summer position will be eligible for a limited number of positions secured by the program.

Students are similarly encouraged to apply for funding opportunities prior to the fellowship. Students who do not secure funding from another source may be eligible for a stipend from the program. Please note that funding from the Rosenthal Fellowship is limited.

Please visit our website for more information on fellowship positions and funding opportunities.