



IIPP Fellowship Program

The IIPP Fellowship Application for 2009 is now available!

"The field of international affairs and public policy has never been more exciting, or more important. Here at IIPP, tomorrow's minority leaders in global affairs define their goals and acquire the skills needed to achieve them. No other program in the country has a setting like this."

*Darryl Crompton
IIPP Director*

Our name is IIPP

Our business is minority education and leadership

Mission:

IIPP 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.

Background

The Institute for International Public Policy (IIPP) Fellowship Program is a program of the UNCF Special Programs Corporation that is now entering its 15th year. The Institute seeks to enhance U.S. national security and global competitiveness by promoting excellence, international service, and awareness among a representative cross-section of the American citizenry. The IIPP also seeks to broaden access to international education and training opportunities for underrepresented minority college students.

The IIPP Fellowship Program provides students from underrepresented minority groups with education and training experiences critical to entry and advancement in international affairs careers. IIPP is a comprehensive program of summer policy institutes, study abroad, intensive language training, internships,

graduate study, and student services that include mentoring and career development. Additionally, IIPP provides students with the education and training necessary to successfully enter, advance, and provide leadership in international affairs careers.

IIPP Fellowships:

With 14 years of demonstrated excellence as the leading provider of international affairs and public policy education for underserved minority college students, IIPP has educated and trained almost 300 International Affairs Fellows. Our focus is on providing quality education and practice opportunities to minority students beginning in their sophomore year of college. We offer these opportunities through our required five-year sequenced six-component program including:

- **Sophomore Summer Policy Institute (SSPI)**
- **Junior Year Study Abroad (JYSA)**
- **Junior Summer Policy Institute (JSPI)**
- **Summer Language Institute (SLI)**
- **Internships**
- **and a Master's Degree Program in International Affairs**

Our unique combination of short 7-week summer global policy institutes: a unique study abroad program focusing on global public policy, service and research; and a proactive and culturally sensitive approach to minority education that fosters international service and non-profit sector leadership provides IIPP with the means to meet the needs of its diverse students - and help them succeed.

IIPP also provides outreach, recruitment and technical assistance services, as well as offering HBCUs and other minority institutions valuable resources to strengthen their international studies and globalization infrastructures.



IIPP Cohort 14 Fellows from left : Azmera Melashu, Duyen Bui, Claire Morel, and Zishan Jiwani at Spelman College

Eligibility Requirements

The IIPP welcomes applications from undergraduate sophomores who:

- Are enrolled full-time at an accredited, four-year baccalaureate-granting institution.
- Are U.S. Citizens or legal residents (documentary support required).
- Have a minimum 3.2 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).
- Have a strong demonstrated interest in international affairs.
- Are an underrepresented minority (African American, Hispanic/Latino

American, Asian American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native

Hawaiian or Pacific Islander).

- Plan to seek admission to a two-year master's degree program in international affairs.

Students from underrepresented minority groups, especially those from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Other Minority Serving Institutions (OMIs) are particularly encouraged to apply. Though not a requirement, applicants are strongly encouraged to complete at least one of the following courses before starting the IIPP Fellowship: international affairs, foreign policy, a foreign language, political science, sociology, macro/micro-economics, statistics and/or journalism.

IIPP Fellowship Funding Package

The IIPP Fellowship funding package includes the following:

- Sophomore and Junior Policy Institutes: housing and meals in university facilities; books and materials; field trips and excursions; a stipend; and travel from home or school.
- Junior Year Study Abroad: one-half of program costs and personal expenses for one semester of overseas study during a Fellow's junior year, with the expectation that her/his school will supply the other half through financial aid or scholarships and a reasonable family contribution.
- Summer Language Institute: tuition and fees; room and board; books and materials; travel to and from SLI; a stipend.
- IIPP Internship: depending on whether the internship is domestic or international, IIPP may provide travel costs and a stipend.
- Graduate School: \$15,000 in matching scholarship funds, provided the Fellow has completed each IIPP program component and will pursue a master's degree in International Affairs at an Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA) - accredited program, or other program approved by IIPP.

How College Sophomores Apply

1. Visit www.uncfsp.org/IIPP and follow the link "APPLY ONLINE." Please refer to the complete online application guidelines.
2. Complete all sections of the online application, including:
 - a) Brief statement of your career interests.
 - b) Essay # 1 (Personal Statement) – Maximum 500-word statement that tells us about yourself and why you should be selected as an IIPP Fellow.

c) Essay # 2 (Issue Analysis) – Maximum 750-word essay that explains why a current international issue is important to you and what you would do to address it if in a position to do so.

d) Work/Volunteer experience

e) Two online recommendations

3. Mail hard-copy supporting documents including official college transcripts, College or University Nomination Form, Financial Aid award letter and/or Student Aid Report. These items must be postmarked by the March 16th application deadline.

4. Application Deadline: March 16th. Applications from college sophomores are not considered complete until all documents have been received. Late applications, including those hard-copy supporting documents postmarked after the March 16th deadline, may not be reviewed by the selection committee. Decisions will be mailed no later than May 1st.

Email the IIPP staff with comments or questions at iipp@uncfsp.org