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## **IIPP** MISSION

The Institute for International Public Policy (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.

### **Study Abroad Matters**

For students interested in international affairs, study abroad is considered an essential stepping stone to both graduate study and global careers. Students not only develop a respect and appreciation for other cultures, but return home with a broader—and more sophisticated-- world view. However, despite the importance of racial and ethnic diversity to world affairs, minority students remain underrepresented in study abroad. Consider this:

- » Less than 10% of all undergraduates study abroad, and white students account for 83% of this group.
- » At 3.5%, Black student participation lags behind their Latino (5.4%) and Asian (6.3%) classmates.
- » Students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities are even less likely to participate in study abroad programs.

## IIPP PROGRAM Overview

The UNCFSP IIPP Fellowship Program was launched in 1994 to provide opportunities for talented minority students to pursue careers in international affairs. Unlike other programs, Fellows are not limited to careers in government service, but may use this time to explore their personal interests in international NGOs, business, women's rights or human rights issues. IIPP Fellows have studied in more than 50 countries and on every single continent. Valued at nearly \$100,000, the IIPP Fellowship combines financial aid with career development, resulting in a rich five-year experience that includes:

- » Sophomore Summer Policy Institute
- » Junior Year Study Abroad
- » Junior Summer Policy Institute
- » Summer Language Institute
- » International Affairs Internship
- » Graduate Study in International Affairs



#### IIPP SUPPORT FOR STUDY ABROAD

Compared to other international fellowships, the IIPP is "noticeably different" in how it funds study abroad. Specifically, during a Fellow's junior year, up to half of the study abroad expenses are paid for by the IIPP. In addition, students gain first-hand experience living in different cultures and learning different languages--all while receiving academic credit. Finally, to ensure that this overseas education aligns with specific career goals, each study abroad program is carefully tailored to blend the Fellow's interests with local needs and realities.

#### **IIPP Support** For International Affairs Internships

The right internship is critical for long-term career success. The IIPP assists Fellows in linking their study abroad experiences with internships that reinforce their professional aspirations. So that students may take advantage of these opportunities, the IIPP partially funds the costs associated with the internship; a practice that sets us apart from other similar programs. Over the years, Fellows have interned with many of the program's prestigious partner organizations, such as Africare, UNICEF, World Bank, United Nations, CARE International or International Rescue Committee.

