What if you could join this community of global leaders?
What if you could have the benefits of Washington, D.C., and a campus community?

A top ten school of international relations, the School of International Service (SIS) at American University is committed to a broad and interdisciplinary approach to the study of international relations that values public service, environmental stewardship, human rights, and social justice. Strategically located in Washington, D.C., SIS has both the advantages of the nation’s capital city—a hub of international relations activity—and the benefits of a tight-knit campus community. Our campus and our beautiful new LEED-gold building create opportunities for faculty and students to collaborate, build relationships, and engage with each other, alumni, and the global leaders who frequently visit our school. Our city creates unparalleled opportunities for our faculty and students to not only study and research the field, but also to actively engage in the ongoing work of international relations.

Indeed, the SIS community is deeply intertwined with the international relations community based in Washington, D.C. Our faculty—among the largest housed in a school of international relations—works closely with D.C.-based international organizations, NGOs, think tanks, and embassies to use their knowledge to help address real-world global challenges. Our students, many of whom currently work in the city, can draw on Washington’s wealth of resources to apply their learning alongside leaders in the field through an internship or a practicum project.

Our location has supported and inspired
“We are architects of laws, the shapers of ideas; we leave our imprint on academia as well as downtown and across town; we are the authors of academic books, conference papers, curriculum guides, peace agreements, laws for emerging democracies, and policy analysis for governments. We are creative, engaged, multinational, and multidisciplinary.” — Prof. Julie Mertus

our work since our founding in 1957. At the prompting of U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower, American University’s Hurst Anderson and the Methodist Bishop of Washington, G. Bromley Oxnam, designed the school to respond to Eisenhower’s call to train more human-focused international affairs leaders prepared for the changing needs of a post-Cold War world. President Eisenhower embraced the idea and spoke at the School’s groundbreaking ceremony in 1957. He charged the school with supporting students to learn to “wage peace” throughout the world.

SIS and American University continue to draw a cadre of global leaders who are attracted to the School’s focus on international understanding and public service. President Barack Obama visited SIS in July 2010, and Presidents George H.W. Bush, John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, and Jimmy Carter have also all visited campus. Countless other notable leaders come to AU to speak with our students, including His Holiness the Dalai Lama, former Chilean president Michelle Bachelet, U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., Meet the Press host and SIS alumnus David Gregory, Enough Project founder and SIS alumnus John Prendergast, as well as numerous ambassadors, government officials, economic powerhouses, and NGO leaders from the U.S. and around the world.

Over fifty years since our founding, the SIS community continues to prepare the next generation of global leaders. With over 25 degree programs, our students and faculty have the wide range of knowledge and skills necessary to tackle the complex challenges of our ever-changing and interdependent world. Drawing on our network of over 15,000 global alumni, our students work in NGOs, public service organizations, private companies, and international organizations.

Our community brings a diversity of experience and expertise to bear, with over 148 countries represented and over 90 languages spoken in our graduate student community. Over 25% of our students are domestic students of color and 17% are the first members of their families to go to college. Many are veterans or currently serving in the military, and many are combining school with concurrent work in the field. Almost all of our graduate students—over 96% in this year’s cohort—report that they have lived or studied abroad before coming to SIS.

Drawing on this wealth of experiences and resources, our SIS community is collaborative with each other and our colleagues in the field, connected to Washington and the world, and committed to pursuing global change. We hope you will consider what it might be like if you, too, were to join this distinctive community.
SIS is ranked among the top 10 schools of international affairs by Foreign Policy Magazine (2012)
What if your degree could prepare you to address the great challenges of our time?

IS graduate degrees equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead change in our complex and interconnected world. SIS offers over twenty-five degree programs, including traditional two-year on-campus master’s degrees, as well as an executive degree for mid-career professionals that can be completed in one calendar year. SIS is also proud to offer the premier online master’s degree in international relations. In addition to master’s programs, SIS offers an interdisciplinary doctoral program for emerging scholars in international relations.

Our multidisciplinary master’s curriculum is focused on both preparing students for careers in global service and enhancing their current career paths, while our doctoral program is more scholarly in nature. All of our degrees help students build specific expertise rooted in a solid international affairs foundation. Each master’s degree is grounded in a set of core courses alongside economics and research methods. Students also select a specialized concentration to focus their program on their unique interest in a particular aspect of international relations. The final component of the program is a capstone project, which can include: an applied practicum, a traditional thesis option, or an internship and related substantial research paper.

Our doctoral curriculum provides training in international relations that is both multidisciplinary and policy-relevant and which enables our graduates to go on to careers in university teaching and research, government, and non-government organizations in the United States as well as around the globe.
Prof. Tazreena Sajjad’s research focuses on human rights and conflict, transitional justice, gender, and humanitarian interventions.
Master’s Degrees

- MS in Development Management
- MA in Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs
- MA in Global Environmental Policy
- MA in International Affairs: Comparative and Regional Studies (Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Russia and Central Eurasia, Islamic Studies)
- MA in International Affairs: Global Governance, Politics, and Security
- MA in International Affairs: International Economic Relations
- MA in International Affairs: Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
- MA in International Affairs: United States Foreign Policy and National Security
- MA in International Communication
- MA in International Development
- MA in International Economics
- MA in International Media
- MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution
- MA in International Relations (Online)
- MA in Social Enterprise

Executive Degree

- Master of International Service

Doctoral Degree

- PhD in International Relations

Dual Degrees

- JD/MA in International Affairs
- MBA/MA in International Affairs

International Dual Degrees

- Ritsumeikan University, Japan
- Sookmyung Women’s University, Korea
- Korea University, Korea
- UN University for Peace, Costa Rica
MS in Development Management

The M.S. in Development Management offers a unique opportunity for combining development and public administration to provide state of the art training and practice in development management. The degree is designed both for practitioners and students with prior field experience who plan to work on development programs and projects either within the United States or in developing countries. The approach emphasizes social learning, action research, institutional development, and social development management, with the objective of increasing the responsiveness of organizations to the publics they are designed to serve and enhance the capacity of these communities to further their own development.

MA in Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs

Offered jointly through the International Peace and Conflict Resolution program at SIS and the Department of Philosophy and Religion in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), this interdisciplinary degree is a response to the challenges of social policy facing the world and fosters understanding of the structural and political dynamic of conflict, including an analysis of their sources. Students gain theoretical and skills-based training in peace and conflict resolution and do substantial work in philosophy and social policy to acquire a solid framework for the increasingly compelling and relevant questions of ethics and peace.

MA in Global Environmental Policy

The mission of the Global Environmental Policy degree is to understand causes of environmental harm and identify ways to build a more sustainable world. Through coursework, individual and team research, and internships in Washington and around the world, students develop the knowledge, perspective, and skills to address today’s most important environmental challenges. Particular areas of program strength include climate change, sustainable energy, water, food, and biodiversity conservation, as well as cross-cutting themes of political ecology, peace and conflict, the role of law and institutions, and participatory approaches.

MA in International Affairs: Global Governance, Politics, and Security

The Global Governance, Politics, and Security degree provides students with a foundation of knowledge and critical analysis of history of global politics, global governance, and global security. The program also builds critical skills in methodology, international economics, and service experience in the public or private sectors through internships, which allows students to craft a flexible degree program that combines their interests in individual ways.

MA in International Affairs: Comparative and Regional Studies (Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Russia and Central Eurasia, Islamic Studies)

The Comparative and Regional Studies degree (CRS) bridges comparative analysis and regional specializations. The CRS program at the School of International Service is innovative in its use of the prisms of comparative inquiry, enabling students to gain knowledge of specific countries while engaged in cross-regional analysis. Melding these two approaches, CRS offers an innovative program of study. Students can select concentrations in: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, Middle East, Russia and Central Asia, and Islamic Studies.

MA in International Affairs: International Economic Relations

International Economic Relations provides students with the range of skills needed to understand international economic and financial problems in today’s complex global environment. What distinguishes the degree is its focus on international trade and financial issues using analytical tools from economics, political science, and law. Students learn to critically analyze economic issues and the political economy of policymaking in the areas of international trade, finance, investment, and development.

MA in International Affairs: Natural Resources and Sustainable Development

An affiliate of the Global Environmental Politics program, the M.A. in Natural Resources and Sustainable Development is a dual-degree program in which students study at and receive degrees from both American University and the
United Nations-affiliated University for Peace in Costa Rica. It is the first graduate degree program in which students can learn about environmental and development policies from the perspectives of both the South and North. American University, in Washington, D.C., has strengths in international relations, environmental policy, and economics, while the University for Peace, in San Jose, Costa Rica, provides unparalleled opportunities to offer courses and practical experience in sustainable development and natural resources management. All courses are taught in English.

**MA in International Affairs: United States Foreign Policy and National Security**

The United States Foreign Policy and National Security degree presents a rigorous course of study that combines considerable programmatic flexibility with the benefits of specialization in a concentration selected by the student. Faculty teach courses on defense policy, intelligence, the formulation and implementation of foreign policy, and the social, political, economic, strategic, and historical underpinnings of United States foreign policy.

**MA in International Communication**

The International Communication (IC) degree in SIS is the first of its kind in the United States and continues to be an innovative leader in the interdisciplinary study of culture, communication, technology and international affairs. The program provides students with specialized knowledge and professional skills in the concentrations of Public and Cultural Diplomacy; Intercultural Relations (including cultural and educational exchanges); Global Social Media, Technology and Policy; and Global Health Communication. The distinctive mission of the IC program is a focus on the role of culture and communications in the international system, and analysis of the relationship between international communication and international affairs.

**MA in International Development**

The International Development (ID) degree at American University is quite possibly the best-established development program in the United States. For over 35 years, it has trained students to participate effectively in driving socio-economic, political, and environmental change throughout the world. The program’s primary focus is the improvement of opportunities for the world’s poor and disenfranchised.

**MA in International Economics**

The M.A. in International Economics degree offers a rigorous combination of theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented courses in economics, political economy, and policymaking focused on international trade and finance. Administered jointly with the Department of Economics, the program prepares students to analyze the most important issues in today’s global economy, including the macro- and microeconomic causes and consequences of trade and financial liberalization, exchange rate fluctuations, and capital-markets integration.

**MA in International Media**

The Master of Arts in International Media offers students a unique opportunity to learn international communication theory and research while at the same time developing professional production skills. This interdisciplinary M.A. degree allows students to take concurrent courses in the School of Communication (SOC) and School of International Service (SIS) that emphasize strategic communication, research, international communication, and global media. In addition, students take hands-on courses designed to hone writing skills over a broad range of media, and production classes that introduce them to filmmaking, newswriting, digital imaging, web design, photography, and public communication writing.

**MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution**

The International Peace and Conflict Resolution degree (IPCR) focuses on the causes of war and organized violence and the processes of conflict analysis and resolution. IPCR is founded on the belief that violence is neither necessary nor inevitable, and that change toward social justice and sustainable peace can best be approached from a collaborative and humanistic perspective that engages people in constructive conflict resolution. With a strong emphasis on the blending of theory with practice, peace studies with conflict resolution, and always with a search for alternatives to violence, IPCR stands apart as a reputable and unique academic and professional training program.

**MA in International Relations (Online)**

International Relations Online is the innovative, online Master of Arts in International Relations degree that offers students a strong foundation in the field of international relations as well as the chance to gain specialized expertise through concentrations in Sustainable International Development and Global Security and Conflict Resolution. A multidisciplinary approach exposes students to a rigorous curriculum taught by an outstanding faculty. Through state-of-the-art technology, International Relations Online classes are delivered on an engaging online learning platform to students located around the globe, and combines highly-produced, self-paced content designed by AU faculty with live virtual class sessions. No other highly-ranked program offers a comparable online master’s degree in international relations with AU’s level of interaction among faculty and students.
SIS alumnus John Prendergast, ’90, serves on the board and as an advisor to Not on Our Watch, an international advocacy and humanitarian assistance organization founded by actors Don Cheadle, George Clooney, Matt Damon, and Brad Pitt.

MA in Social Enterprise

This degree is the first of its kind offered by an Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs member, and is among the very few graduate degrees available worldwide that directly focuses on social entrepreneurship.

This program is designed to assist you in acquiring the knowledge, skills, and mindset necessary to launch a new global social entrepreneurial venture or play a key leadership role in an existing one. This program’s curriculum blends learning about both hard and soft management practices with an examination of the dynamics of social innovation.

EXECUTIVE DEGREE
Master of International Service

The Master of International Service (MIS) degree is designed specifically for professionals with a minimum of seven years of professional work experience. This program provides 12-18 months of midcareer training in an individually designed specialization within the field of international affairs. Members of the MIS program draw from a variety of professional backgrounds including diplomatic, military, natural science, non-profit, finance, and the arts.

As a cohort, MIS candidates enroll in two sequential proseminars in international affairs, which explore cutting-edge topics and help students enhance their professional skills. MIS candidates also design a unique specialization fitting their individual intellectual interests and plans for professional enhancement, including: International Development and Conflict, U.S. Foreign Policy and Security, International Communication and Diplomacy, and International Economic Relations and Policy Management.

While the MIS is not specifically an evening or weekend program, many course offerings are available after business hours to accommodate the needs of part-time students.

DOCTORAL DEGREE
PhD in International Relations

The SIS PhD program trains students to produce new knowledge of the highest scholarly caliber. The program prepares students for careers as teachers and scholars at universities and research institutes in both the private and public sectors. The program is highly selective. SIS receives approximately 200 applications for a class of about ten students each year.

The core curriculum covers the foundational fields of transnational study: Comparative and Regional Studies, International Relations and Social Theory. Students also take a two-course multiple-methodology sequence that introduces them to all the major qualitative and quantitative research techniques used in the social sciences today. SIS provides generous financial support—four years of guaranteed full funding, including tuition remission and a stipend—to all admitted students. All students have the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member on their teaching and research.

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Our degrees are built on a set of core requirements that are unique to each degree program. Additionally, students are expected to take methodology or professional skills coursework appropriate to the student’s research and career interests. Economics is a requirement for most degrees. Students build specific expertise with a concentration drawn from across the School’s programs. A capstone project serves as the student’s culminating experience.
Sample SIS Courses

- Applied Public Diplomacy
- Arab-Israeli Conflict
- Community Development
- Complex Emergencies
- Conflict Assessment & Prevention
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Cybercrime, Espionage, & Warfare
- Diplomatic Practice
- Economic Politics of the EU
- Ethnic Conflict in Eurasia
- Gender, Human Rights, & Conflict
- Global Financial Governance
- Health in the Developing World
- Intelligence & Foreign Policy
- International Finance & Emerging Markets
- International Law & the Legal Order
- International Negotiation
- Insurgency & Counterinsurgency
- Migration, Refugees, & Trafficking
- NGO Management
- Oil, Islam, & Politics in the Gulf
- Political Ecology of Food & Agriculture
- Political Risk Analysis
- Politics of Peacebuilding in Africa
- Race & Ethnicity in the Americas
- Reconciliation & Justice
- Transatlantic Security
- US Strategy Toward Iran
- Water Governance
- Women & Development
What if you could develop expertise by choosing from among 50 specialized concentrations?

The School of International Service encourages graduate students to build specific expertise by choosing from over 50 concentrations. Depending on their course of study, master’s students can select their concentrations from among the many articulated within their degree program, or students can design their own personalized concentration drawing courses from across the School’s curriculum.

With over 100 full-time faculty and more than 120 graduate classes each semester, students have an unparalleled opportunity to develop a focused area of expertise as well as a wide range of broadly applicable tools and skills. The multidisciplinary nature of the School of International Service allows for students to design a concentration to reflect their unique passions within international relations, and offers the opportunity to tailor coursework to match career ambitions and professional goals.

Doctoral students select a major field of concentration from among those offered at SIS during their first year of study with the support of their advisor and the PhD program director.

Visit us online to learn more about concentrations at SIS and to browse current course descriptions.
What if you could study with over 100 full-time faculty members?
Journey into Islam
AKBAR AHMED

China's environmental future will be costly. The planet in the years and decades to come will be seriously impacted by China's environmental problems. Peter Dauvergne, author of China's Environmental Challenges, argues — making this choice will require humility, creativity, and a rejection of business as usual. The mental future of China, the planet, and its people. JUDITH SHAPIRO

America's Midlife Crisis
ADAM MENDELSON

Intercultural Management Quarterly (IMQ)

The Future of a Troubled Superpower
Gary R. Weaver • Adam Mendelson

GLOBALIZATION and INSECURITY

China's Environmental Challenges
JUDITH SHAPIRO

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International security, territorial conflicts

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International educational exchange, transnational migration

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Human rights, humanitarian law

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International relations, foreign policy of East Asia

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Middle East, theories of decision-making

Prof. Ken Conca is an internationally recognized expert on water governance and is the author of the widely used teaching anthology *Green Planet Blues*. He is a member of the United Nations Environment Programme’s Expert Advisory Group on Conflict and Peacebuilding.
What if you could apply your learning in Washington, D.C. and around the world?

At SIS, students pursue their educational and career development simultaneously through a skills-focused curriculum, professional internships, study abroad opportunities, and applied practica projects in Washington, D.C. and around the world. Drawing on our local resources and those of our partners overseas, over 90% of SIS graduate students complete at least one internship during their time in the program. In 2013, students interned at organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund, Save the Children, the U.S. Department of State, the Embassy of France, the Stimson Center, Open Society, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, the Wilson Center, Amnesty International, and the Stern Group.

SIS courses reinforce this applied learning with their focus on integrating theory and practice. In addition, over 20 weekend skills institutes are offered each semester to help students gain the practical tools necessary for effective global leadership. SIS students also have the opportunity to participate in a culminating team-based capstone project in which they work with agencies and organizations in the field to analyze a real-world challenge and provide recommendations to the client. To help students further develop a global perspective, SIS offers numerous opportunities for students to study and research abroad, including short-term summer experiences and dual degree programs. Funding is available through SIS to support these research and study abroad initiatives.
Sample SIS Skills Institutes

Intensive weekend seminars to equip SIS students with specific skills sought by today’s employers.

- Accounting for NGOs
- Briefing the Policy Makers
- Budgeting for International Programs
- Crisis Public Diplomacy
- Measuring Social Impact
- Media Relations in Conflict Zones
- Project and Program Evaluation
Sample SIS International Programs and Partnerships

- **Pakistan**: SIS houses the U.S.-Pakistan Women's Council
- **Indonesia**: Student exchange with Gadjah Mada University
- **China**: SIS partners with the 100K Strong Foundation
- **South Africa**: Democracy and Development in South Africa Summer Abroad Program
- **Liberia**: Practicum client Search for Common Ground
- **France**: Semester exchange with Sciences Po
- **Washington, DC**: School of International Service
- **Colombia**: Semester exchange with Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
- **Peru**: Semester exchange with Peruvian Diplomatic Academy
- **Cuba**: Environmental, Cultural, and Political Developments in Cuba Summer Abroad Program
- **Israel-Palestine**: Practicum with Arava's cooperative Palestinian-Israeli water project
- **New Zealand**: Semester exchange with Victoria University of Wellington
- **Russia**: Semester exchange with St. Petersburg University
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100+ students received SIS funding for study/research practica abroad in 2013

60% of SIS students spend time abroad during their program in practica, exchange, dual degree, short term programs, or research.
Youth to Youth: Measuring Student Engagement
Prof. Susan Shepler
Client: Search for Common Ground

With the help of Search for Common Ground’s Director of Children and Youth Programs, SIS alumnus Saji Prelis, six SIS master’s students worked with the Federation for Liberian Youth and The Ministry of Youth and Sports in Liberia to explore Liberian youth engagement and to evaluate the extent to which their priorities align with those of international donors operating in post-war Liberia. The practicum was split into two phases, the first conducted in D.C., and the second in Liberia. Phase One began with a literature review, a quantitative assessment of the main donors to Liberia after 2002, and an analysis of donors’ priorities in youth programming. In Phase Two, the team travelled to Liberia and partnered with 24 Liberian youth researchers in a participatory action research project to explore Liberian youths’ sense of community engagement. The team compiled their findings into a report for use by Search for Common Ground and for their Liberian youth partners in demanding accountability from the state and from donors.

Select 2013 Practica

- Conflict Resolution and Change Management in Transitioning Democracies
  Client: IREX

- Foreign/Defense Policy

- Intelligence Analysis
  Client: Defense Intelligence Agency

- International Financial Flows and the Environment
  Client: World Resources Institute (WRI)

- Issues in International Economics and Business
  Clients: National Geographic Society, Bower Group Asia

- Middle East Foreign/Defense Policy
  Client: U.S. Department of State

- Multilateral Institutions
  Clients: U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, UN Foundation

- Strategic Communication
  Clients: National Democratic Institute, Inter-American Development Bank, Save the Children

- Supporting Youth in Development
  Client: Education Development Center
What if you had a team dedicated to supporting your global career goals?

School of International Service graduates work in a variety of professions in the private, public, and not-for-profit sectors throughout the world. With the support of over 15,000 global SIS alumni, the Career Center’s advisors and SIS faculty members provide students with individualized assistance in exploring and preparing for successful careers in the field. Additionally, the school offers regular networking events throughout the year with alumni, ranging from informal discussions to panel presentations.

Career advisors at SIS meet individually with students to assist with resume writing, job applications, salary negotiation, professional networking, interviewing strategies, and overall career counseling. An intensive career boot camp provides incoming students with initial resume feedback and a toolkit for navigating job and internship searches, with special sessions for those seeking career changes and those new to Washington. Our award-winning Office of Merit Awards provides personalized advising to students in pursuit of national scholarships and fellowships to support their academic and career goals, including the prestigious Boren Fellowship, Fulbright Fellowship, and the Presidential Management Fellowship. As alumni, SIS graduates have continued access to Career Center resources, continuing education opportunities, and a global professional network.
The SIS career center team is ready to help you focus your interests, market your skills, and pursue your passions.

Services Offered:
- Initial Resume Evaluation
- Graduate Career Boot Camp
- One-on-One Advising
- Online Career Resources
- Career Panels
- Job and Internship Fairs
- Mock Interviewing
- International Internships
- Merit Award Advising
- SIS Industry Days Featuring Employer Site Visits

The SIS Career Toolkit

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The Fulbright Program recently named American University a “top producer” of U.S. Fulbright Scholars.

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Bilal Wahab, ’07
Fulbright Scholar

Jeanine Finley, ’13
Boren Fellow

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20% of the currently enrolled graduate students have chosen to attend American University.

American University ranks third nationally for number of Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) program finalists.

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellows have chosen to attend American University.

Gaina Dubuisson, ’14
Pickering Fellow

William Daming, ’13
Presidential Management Fellow
89% of 2012 MA graduates were employed, fulfilling other plans, or pursuing an advanced degree within six months of graduation.

**SALARY RANGES**

- 28% $60,000 or more
- 27% $50,000 - $59,999
- 21% $40,000 - $49,999
- 16% $30,000 - $39,999

**EMPLOYMENT SECTORS**

- Nonprofit sector 37%
- Private sector 26%
- Public sector 27%
- Foreign Government 4%
- Intergovernmental 5%
- Self-employed 1%

Note: Data from 2012 graduates polled six months after graduation and represents a 77% response rate.
Selected SIS Graduate Employers

Accenture
Ashoka
Astrum Solar
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
Booz Allen Hamilton
British Embassy in the United States
Brookings Institution
CARE
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Center for Strategic and International Studies
Central Intelligence Agency
Chemonics
International
Chevron Africa
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc
Defense Intelligence Agency
Embassy of India
Embassy of Peru
Enough Project
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Global Environmental Institute
Health Poverty Action
Heifer International
Human Rights Law Network
IBM Institute for Sustainable Communities
Institute of International Education
Inter-American Development Bank
InterAction
International Food Policy Research Institute
International Justice Mission
International Organization for Migration
International Rescue Committee
Millenium Challenge Corporation
National Cancer Institute
National Wildlife Federation
Organization of American States
Peace Corps
Public International Law & Policy Group
The Pew Charitable Trusts
The World Bank
U.S. Agency for International Development
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Department of the Treasury
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Marine Corps
U.S.-China Business Council
United Nations Capital Development Fund
United States Institute of Peace
Voice of America
William J. Clinton Foundation
World Vision
What if these SIS alumni were in your network?

Saji Prelis
2001
Director,
Children & Youth Programs
Search for
Common Ground

Kellee James
2004
CEO
Mercaris

S. Ramanathan
2007
Regional Technical Analyst
UN Capital Development Fund, Fiji

Camilo Zambrano
2010
Faculty
Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador

Anita Dey
2000
Senior Regional Specialist for Asia
Federal Communication Commission

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2008
International Relations Specialist
U.S. Department of Energy

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2013
Afghanistan Program Assistant
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Huong Nguyen
2011
Urban Governance Analyst
The World Bank

Michael Porth
2011
Security Analyst
Inter-American Development Bank

Robin Koepke
2010
Associate Economist
Institute of International Finance, Inc.

Brent Pavia
1993
Member Relations Director
Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce

Justis Tuia
2009
Program Manager
U.S. Department of Education

Shanti Shoji
2009
Cultural Affairs Coordinator
Embassy of Japan

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Mary Jo Pham
2013
Foreign Service Officer
U.S. Department of State

Danielle Goldberg
2004
Program Coordinator
Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University

Barbara Steenstrup
1964
Director
Steenstrup Consulting Services Ltd

Mary Jo Pham
2013
Foreign Service Officer
U.S. Department of State

Jeremy Dastrup
2011
Special Agent
Naval Criminal Investigative Service

Jeff Franco
1997
Executive Director
City Year DC

Jordin Cohen
1991
Director, Technology Risk
Deloitte and Touche LLP

Jeff Franco
1997
Executive Director
City Year DC

Aisha Bain
2007
Program Manager
International Rescue Committee

Zukhra Shaabdullaeva
2007
Global HIV/AIDS Consultant
The World Bank

Aisha Bain
2007
Program Manager
International Rescue Committee

Doreen Parekh
2003
International Trade Specialist
U.S. Department of Commerce

Charles Bongomin
2006
Program Coordinator
LOFT Community Services, McEwan House

Kevin Hagan
1997
President & Chief Executive Officer
Feed The Children, Inc.

Doreen Parekh
2003
International Trade Specialist
U.S. Department of Commerce

Di Hu
2011
Program Officer
National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

Gail Spence
1985
Senior Alliance Advisor
U.S. Agency for International Development

Siriwan Limsakul
2013
Diplomat
Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs

For more information please visit: http://www.american.edu/sis/alumni/profiles.cfm
## Application Deadlines

- **PhD (Fall admission only)**
  - December 15

- **Master’s Programs**
  - **Fall semester**
    - January 15
  - **Spring semester**
    - September 15 (international applicants)
    - October 1 (domestic applicants)

- **Executive Master’s Program**
  - **Fall semester**
    - Master of International Service
    - July 1 (international applicants)
    - July 30 (domestic applicants)
  - **Spring semester**
    - November 1

- **SIS Graduate Fellowships**
  - All PhD students are fully funded for 4 years.
  - About 20% of master’s students receive SIS incoming fellowship awards.
  - All applications complete by the deadline are considered for fellowships.

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## SIS Admissions By-the-Numbers

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<td>20</td>
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<td>International Graduate Students in Student Body</td>
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<td>Full-Time SIS Faculty Members</td>
<td>100+</td>
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<td>Countries Represented</td>
<td>148</td>
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<td>Median GPA of Admitted Students</td>
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<td>% of International Graduate Students Speak 2+ Languages</td>
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<td>8th Ranked School of International Affairs by <em>Foreign Policy</em> Magazine</td>
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<td>% of Classes Offered After 5:30 PM, On Weekends, or Online</td>
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<td>Practica Options Each Year</td>
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<td>Worldwide Alumni</td>
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<td>U.S.-Born Students of Color in Graduate Student Body</td>
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<td>Incoming Graduate Students Have Lived or Worked Abroad</td>
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