

Elliott School of International Affairs

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APPLICATION MATERIALS

Admission to the Elliott School is highly selective. Submit all application materials listed in the General Guidelines, including:

- Three letters of recommendation from professors. If you are applying to a program that requires foreign language proficiency, you are encouraged to submit one letter from an individual who can evaluate your ability in the language in which you plan to be tested. Non-native speakers of English should submit one letter of recommendation that addresses their level of proficiency in English. Applicants who have been out of school for several years may send recommendations from employers and supervisors.
- One official transcript from each institution attended. Unofficial transcripts are only accepted for The George Washington University, if applicable.
- Resume or curriculum vitae.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In an essay of approximately 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study at the Elliott School. As part of your statement of purpose, describe your academic and research interests, career objectives, and how a degree from the Elliott School will enable you to achieve your goals. Please be specific.

M.I.P.P. applicants must write the 500-word statement of purpose emphasizing the specific ways the program will advance their future career goals and, in addition, write a 500-word essay on one of the following topics:

- What is your country's greatest foreign policy challenge? How should it respond?
- Assess the impact of globalization on your organization. Be sure to indicate both the challenges and opportunities that globalization produces.

CAMPUS VISITS

Although interviews are not part of the selection process, we encourage you to visit the Elliott School. To set up an appointment, call two weeks before your visit.

Degree Program / Field of Study	Degrees Code	Field of Study Code	Spring/Summer Admission
Master of Arts (M.A.)	20		
International Affairs		125	N/N
International Development Studies		495	N/N
International Science and Technology Policy		785	Y/Y
International Trade and Investment Policy		765	N/N
Security Policy Studies		372	Y/N
Asian Studies		849	N/N
European and Eurasian Studies		900	N/N
Latin American and Hemispheric Studies		066	N/N
Middle East Studies		1037	N/N

REQUIRED TESTS

The M.A. program requires that all applicants take the GRE general test. GRE scores are strongly encouraged but not required for the M.I.P.P. program. You are advised to take the GRE no later than December to ensure maximum consideration in the admissions review process. Be sure to give the Educational Testing Service (ETS) the appropriate school codes. The ETS codes for the Elliott School are:
Institution code: 5246

International applicants: Use institution code 5241, department code 88, to have your TOEFL scores sent to the Elliott School; a code is not required for IELTS scores. The recommended minimum English language scores for admission to the Elliott School are:

- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual band score below 6.0
- TOEFL: 600 on paper-based; 250 on computer-based; or 100 on Internet-based

The Test of Written English (TWE) is strongly recommended.

FELLOWSHIPS

The Elliott School offers a variety of awards each year to the most outstanding applicants. Entering full-time master's candidates may compete for these awards, which are based on undergraduate academic performance, GRE scores, and other relevant factors. To apply, answer "Yes" to that question on your admissions application and submit your application materials by January 15 for the following fall semester. **International applicants** requiring an I-20 for F-1 (student) immigration status or a DS-2019 for J-1 (exchange visitor) immigration status must submit the Visa Request and Financial Certificate form, along with the required supporting documents, to verify funding sources. Please note that competition for fellowships is very rigorous and very few applicants receive full tuition awards.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

In order to be eligible to apply for a certificate program, one must either possess a Master's degree, eight years of relevant professional work experience, or be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at another institution. These requirements are waived for those applying to the certificate program in Political Psychology.

Degree Program / Field of Study	Degrees Code	Field of Study Code	Spring/Summer Admission
Master of International Policy and Practice (M.I.P.P.)*	112	783	Y/N
Graduate Certificate	91		
Asian Studies		849	Y/N
European and Eurasian Studies		900	Y/N
International Science and Technology Policy		785	Y/N
International Trade Policy		784	Y/N
International Security Policy		786	Y/N
Latin American and Hemispheric Studies		976	Y/N
Political Psychology		788	Y/N
US Foreign Policy		787	Y/N

*Candidates must have eight years of professional international affairs experience or an advanced degree.