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### Jobs

#### Opportunities for College Students at Department of State

The Internship Program replaces the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) and Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). This Program is designed to provide students enrolled in a wide variety of educational institutions, from high school to graduate level, with opportunities to work in agencies and explore Federal careers while still in school and while getting paid for the work performed. Students who successfully complete the program may be eligible for conversion to a permanent job in the civil service. Additional information about the Internship Program can be found at [www.usajobs.gov/studentsandgrads](http://www.usajobs.gov/studentsandgrads). Current students in an accredited high school, college (including 4-year colleges/universities, community colleges, and junior colleges); professional, technical, vocational, and trade school; advanced degree programs; or other qualifying educational institution pursuing a qualifying degree or certificate are eligible for the program. [Read More](#).

#### Youth Summer Opportunity-Seeds of Peace

Founded in 1993 by journalist John Wallach, Seeds of Peace is a conflict resolution and leadership development program for youth from the Middle East (Palestinians, Israelis, Egyptians, and Jordanians), South Asia (Afghans, Indians, and Pakistanis), and the United States. Seeds of Peace's internationally-recognized program begins at its summer camp in Maine, where for three and a half weeks, young leaders (ages 14-17) from opposing sides of international conflicts have the opportunity to meet their "enemy" face to face. Here, they confront their prejudices and deep-seated fears and tackle the issues that fuel violence, hatred and oppression at home. Our conflict resolution program is designed to open young minds to the possibility of a new reality and continues with innovative post-camp programming to help further develop their leadership skills and capacity to create meaningful change in their communities.

This is a summer opportunity unlike any other available today for American youth. American delegates at Seeds of Peace have an incredible opportunity to learn about international conflicts and cultures first-hand by living with and participating alongside their peers from the Middle East, South Asia and throughout the United States.

The application and all relevant information is currently posted on website, [www.seedsofpeace.org/americandelegation](http://www.seedsofpeace.org/americandelegation). The dates for this summer are June 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup> 2013, and while tuition to join the American Delegation is significant, Seeds of Peace has scholarship money available and makes a commitment to turn no potential Seed away as a result of financial limitations. Applications must be submitted by Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2013.

#### White House Fellows Program

White House is currently accepting applications for the 2013-2014 Class of White House Fellows Program. The application deadline is **January 15th, 2013**. This application is for the Fellowship Program that will begin in August 2013. Selected individuals typically spend a year working as a full-time, paid Fellow to senior White House Staff, Cabinet Secretaries and other top-ranking government officials. Fellows also participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with renowned leaders from the private and public sectors, and trips to study U.S. policy in action both domestically and internationally. The Fellowship is extremely competitive; a well-prepared application and carefully selected references are key components to a successful application. [More Information](#)

**Ziad Haider** a recent White House Fellow has offered to help interested applicants in achieving their objective. To reach out to Ziad, send an email to [ed@uspakfoundation.org](mailto:ed@uspakfoundation.org).

#### Internship at Department of Justice for Law Students

Department of Justice is accepting applications from Law students for summer internships. Interns will assist Division attorneys or specialists in legal and factual research, prepare documents and exhibits, interview witnesses, summarize depositions, analyze records, and other case-related work. Some sections may also involve interns in policy-related assignments. Given the nature of the work and the high quality of its staff, the Division expects interns to be able to grasp issues quickly, complete work thoroughly and accurately, and write clearly and concisely. These positions are without compensation or may be used for work-study credit. [More Information](#)

#### More Internships

- [Summer 2013 Internship at Fox News Channel](#)
- [Spring 2013 Internship - Communications at American Legacy Foundation](#)

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## USPAK News

### **Hard bargaining leads to success**

USPAK President Irfan Malik conducted a class for final year MBA and International Relations students at [Institute of Business Administration](#) campus at Karachi University on the art of negotiations. The lecture focused on corporate negotiations in a business environment, or state level negotiations between countries. IBA Dean and Director Dr. Ishrat Hussain while introducing Mr. Malik to the students emphasized the need for hard negotiating a key need for budding entrepreneurs. Students learned about assessing their positions, know your opponents strengths and weaknesses before getting to the bargaining table. Over sixty students attended the lecture; students were interested in knowing more about how to negotiate from a position of weakness.

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## Viewpoint

### **India-Pakistan dynamic holds key to Afghanistan's future by Moeed Yusuf & Thomas Lynch**

U.S. peacemaking efforts in Afghanistan ultimately depend on a holistic, regional approach that mostly involves India and Pakistan.

In 2014, Afghanistan faces both the drawdown of American forces and the election of President Hamid Karzai's successor, both significant transitions. The bid to create a stable post-2014 Afghanistan can only go so far without dealing directly with the intense rivalry between India and Pakistan – vested neighbors and nuclear regional kingpins. Yet despite recent positive overtures between the two sides, Pakistan continues to be deeply troubled by an increased Indian presence on its western border, while India is adamant to prevent Pakistan's complete hold over Afghanistan. [Read More](#)

### **Battle for the Soul of Pakistan - Bruce Riedel**

Pakistan is a country in the midst of a long and painful crisis. According to the government, since 2001 45,000 Pakistanis have died in terrorism related violence, including 7,000 security personnel. Suicide bombings were unheard of before 9/11; there have been 300 since then. The country's biggest city, Karachi, is a battlefield.

One measure of Pakistan's instability is that the country now has between 300 and 500 private security firms, employing 3,00,000 armed guards, most run by ex-generals. The American intelligence community's new global estimate rates Pakistan among the most likely states in the world to fail by 2030. [Read More](#)

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## Resources

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### **Help Us Help You**

USPAK is a volunteer organization working for the betterment of Pakistani Americans. Our efforts are focused on developing future leaders of our country from within our community. We also work to address issues of concern of our community, ranging from immigration, civil liberties, religious freedom, and socio-economic development of Pakistani American community.

It is through help of supporters like you that we are able carry on our vision promoting the ambitions and aspirations of Pakistani Americans. Your support today can ensure that Pakistani Americans have a place at the table, as we shape the policies on immigration, the economy and civil rights. You can help build a more vibrant and inclusive democracy.

**Can we count on you to help? Can you donate \$500, \$250 or \$150 today?** [Click here to Donate Now](#). USPAK is a 501 c3 non-profit organization; your donation qualifies for tax deduction.

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