



WASHINGTON WORLD FELLOWS

BACKGROUND

Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib launched the Washington World Fellows program in 2018 as the state's first global leadership program for high school students. The fellowship offers a life-changing study abroad experience and college readiness program to fifteen exceptional students each year.

The overarching purpose of the program is to provide deserving students who may lack access to similar opportunities with experiences that will make them more competitive as college applicants, and more thoughtful as future leaders. To fulfill that goal, the program, including airfare, is administered at no cost to students and their families.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Starting in the summer following 10th grade, the Washington World Fellows participate in a six-week study abroad experience in León, Spain, where they earn college credit by studying the Spanish language at the University of León, immerse in Spanish culture by living with local homestay families, and learn about Spanish history firsthand through guided field trips.

When students return home, they participate in two years of rigorous college preparation programming, including SAT and ACT test prep, college application support, college tours, and access to a number of unique leadership opportunities.

In order to be eligible for the program, students must:

- be in the 10th grade;
- be nominated by their teachers or counselors; and
- have completed Spanish I or have the equivalent conversational ability by the summer of 2020.

Nominations and Applications for the program must be submitted by January 13th, 2020

PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

The Washington World Fellows program is established as a partnership between the Office of the Lt. Governor, the Association of Washington Generals, and the University of León.

In 2018, Senator Kuderer's bill to provide long-term funding for the program through Seahawks and Mariners specialty license plate revenues passed the legislature with overwhelming support.