Why Fletcher?

The Opportunity to Shape the World

The complexity and turbulence of the 21st century demand internationally-minded professionals with the practical skills and intellectual agility to confront the world’s greatest challenges. The Fletcher School’s multidisciplinary approach provides an edge to those seeking to make an impact at all levels of government, business, international organizations, and non-profits. Fletcher students graduate with the tools, perspective, and relationships to shape both their careers and the world around them.

“I know first-hand the powerful impact a Fletcher education can have. We are at another moment of transformation in politics, the global economy and civic engagement. Our students are not afraid to do the courageous thing, pursuing their ideals with vigor as they prepare to tackle the most complex challenges as the next generation of global leaders.”

Rachel Kyte
GMAP 2002
Dean of The Fletcher School
Diversity and Inclusion
The Foundation of Fletcher

The Fletcher experience is based on a diverse and inclusive community, which is essential for preparing leaders with a global perspective. With over 70 citizenships, Fletcher students represent a wide range of personal, professional, and academic backgrounds.

Our students and faculty foster an enriching environment characterized by candid discussions with a breadth of perspectives. Members of our community aspire to be active and responsible global citizens.

“Everyone is so eager to learn about each other’s story. Because we all come from different parts of the world, the diversity of thought, culture, language, and experience enriches our time at Fletcher.”

Laurance Cosper
MALD 2018, United States

“I love Fletcher because of its openness to different viewpoints and its commitment to internationalism. Faculty and staff are aware that our students, who come from all over the world, are our most prized charge. All of us at Fletcher are exposed to diverse cultures on a daily basis and are better teachers, and people, for it.”

Leila Fawaz
Issam M. Fares Professor of Lebanese and Eastern Mediterranean Studies

A Community for Life
Welcome to the Fletcher Family

At Fletcher, you don’t just earn a degree—you join a close-knit community that supports your goals for a lifetime. Being part of the Fletcher community pays dividends during your time at Fletcher and beyond, leading to professional opportunities and enduring personal connections. The Fletcher family is a global network of more than 9,500 committed, collaborative, and connected students and alumni who are there to support you.
Dedicated and Engaged Faculty
Investing in Students, Influencing the World

Professors at Fletcher are internationally respected leaders in their fields. They are practitioners, researchers, commentators, and expert advisors. They are also instructors, mentors, and colleagues, bringing passion for teaching into the classroom and beyond. Many Fletcher professors actively involve students in their research, writing, and fieldwork. They know what it takes for you to succeed in today’s world, and are genuinely dedicated to your intellectual, personal, and professional development.

Fletcher faculty are widely involved in shaping the world beyond campus. They frequently advise in both policymaking and private enterprise, expand the boundaries of scholarship, and offer insightful public commentary on current events. Professors are broadly accessible, with many continuing to mentor students well beyond their time at Fletcher.

“No matter the subject, there’s almost always a student in the room who has valuable knowledge and experience to share with the class. I’ve found that most classes produce some insight that ultimately influences my own thinking. This synergy between faculty and students energizes Fletcher’s intellectual community.”

Michael Glennon
Professor of International Law

“Fletcher boasts world-renowned professors who enjoy engaging classroom conversations with their students. Their experiences are diverse and relevant, and they bring their knowledge into the classroom in a way that is enriching and sparks discussion.”

Moriah Graham
MALD 2020, United States

“One of the most rewarding aspects of teaching Fletcher students is seeing them apply what they learn in the classroom to the challenging situations they face in the world. They will be the leaders of our institutions tomorrow and we need them to be innovators for our collective future.”

Kelly Sims Gallagher
Professor of Energy and Environmental Policy
Co-Director of the Center for International Environment & Resource Policy
Director of the Climate Policy Lab
A Curriculum That Works for You

Customized Skills for a Complex World

As a professional school, Fletcher offers a flexible curriculum oriented toward practical problem solving. You will have ample opportunity to deepen your existing skills and, through our interdisciplinary curriculum, you will develop new critical analytical skills, underpinned by historical, technical, and cultural knowledge. Fletcher’s three academic divisions ensure a multidisciplinary grounding in international affairs. You’ll also delve into your interest areas through Fletcher’s 25 fields of study. The Fletcher curriculum helps you develop a professional profile that matches your passions and aspirations, and prepares you to thrive in a complex world.

“The two-year duration of the MALD program really allows you to gain deep theoretical knowledge and gives you the chance to apply your skills in a real-life work experience over the summer.”

Sebastián Uribe Correa
MALD 2020, Colombia

“The MA is a perfect fit for professionals with a minimum of eight years of experience. It allowed me to choose courses relevant to my career goals, in all areas of international relations, including law, economics, politics, communication, and negotiation.”

Amine Bennis
MA 2019, France & Morocco

At Fletcher, I knew I would be able to build knowledge and relevant skills, learn from renowned scholar-practitioners, and study alongside the most brilliant and diverse classmates imaginable.”

Amanda Schwartz
MALD 2020, United States

FIELDS OF STUDY

Business for Social Impact
Comparative Politics
Development Economics
Gender Analysis in International Studies
Human Security
Humanitarian Studies
International Business and Economic Law
International Business Relations
International Environment and Resource Policy
International Finance and Banking
International Information and Communication
International Monetary Theory and Policy
International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
International Organizations
International Political Economy
International Security Studies
International Trade and Commercial Policies
Law and Development
Marketing
Pacific Asia
Political Systems and Theories
Public International Law
Southwest Asia and Islamic Civilization
Strategic Management and International Consultancy
United States
Self-Designed

FLETCHER’S THREE ACADEMIC DIVISIONS

Diplomacy, History, and Politics
International Law and Organizations
Economics and International Business
Experience Beyond the Classroom

From Engaged Discussion to Real-World Action

At Fletcher, experiential learning is a key element of your education, complementing formal instruction. You can build upon coursework by engaging in fieldwork, consulting with real-world clients, and conducting critical research. You will also complete a capstone project that could range from crafting a policy memo, to creating a business plan, to writing a traditional thesis. Fletcher encourages you to pursue enriching experiences both on and off campus, providing professional exposure as you advance your goals.

Recent Conferences

Arctic Conference
Decolonizing International Relations
Gender and International Affairs
Innovate Tufts: Fletcher Disrupts
The Ocean’s Turn? Geopolitics, Sustainability, Innovation
Political Risk Conference
Religion, Law & Diplomacy
Tufts Energy Conference

“Fletcher funding enabled me to spend a summer in remote Inuit communities of Arctic Canada to conduct on-the-ground research and write a report on the subject that helped me land my current job. It was an incredible opportunity allowing me to pursue my dream to discover the Arctic. More importantly, it sharpened my research skills and my critical thinking, both of which I still use on a regular basis.”

Nathan Cohen-Fournier
MIB 2017
Socio-Economic Development Officer, Makivik Corporation

Research Centers

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Student-Run Clubs and Organizations

SPONSORED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Several Fletcher funds provide grants to students to pursue a variety of opportunities outside of the classroom. Examples below:

- Arctic Circle Assembly (Reykjavik, Iceland)
- Bellingcat International Investigative Journalism Workshop (New York, NY)
- Capstone Research: Impact of Training Camps on the Social Networks of Terrorist Organizations (Northern Ireland)
- Code for America Technology Policy Summit (Oakland, CA)
- CREOR Colloquium: Religion, Violence and the Contemporary World (Montreal, Canada)
- Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge (Arlington, VA)
- Democracy and Rule of Law Conference (London, UK)
- Digital Innovation and Refugee Integration (Germany and Italy)
- Disrupting Whiteness: Racism & Transformative Justice in the United States (U.S. and Germany)
- Empowering Women in Maritime Policy Conference (Malmö, Sweden)
- Capstone Research: Environment and Human Rights Contracts in Agriculture and Extractive Investments in Ghana (Accra, Ghana)
- Capstone Research: Tackling Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Rohingya Refugee Camps (Dhaka, Bangladesh)
- UN Alliance of Civilization Global Forum (New York, NY)
- World Bank Anti-Corruption Strategy & Practice Seminar (Washington, DC)

GLOBAL CONSULTING PROGRAM

This program pairs students with real-world clients facing complex international business problems, where students produce solutions.

“The best thing about this experience was the international background of the team members. Quick learning from the students in the area of INGO is a big difference between this team and other schools.”

Tony Chan
Senior Director, International Programs & Operations, Habitat for Humanity International

“We’ve benefited from the fresh, multidisciplinary perspectives Fletcher teams bring forward. They come in well prepared, ask a lot of good questions, and manage difficult scope issues. Very impressive.”

Ed Brandt
Executive Vice President, MasterCard
The Network That Gives Back

Our Alumni: Your Strongest Advocates

“Of Fletcher’s strengths is the Office of Career Services (OCS), which offers the Professional Development Program. OCS also hosts workshops throughout the year, holds meetings with students to advise on career strategies, and builds strong relationships with companies and organizations relevant to Fletcher graduates.”

Clare Gooding, MIB 2018
IDFP Fellow, Catholic Relief Services

When you invest in a Fletcher education, the degree you earn is just the beginning of a lifelong connection with our network. Our alumni impact the world in serious ways, but they’re also serious about their personal and professional engagement with the Fletcher community. Whether for career advice, professional contacts, expert insight, or a familiar face, Fletcher alumni go out of their way to support each other.

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Countries Where Alumni Reside

9.5K+
Fletcher Alumni

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Your Next Job, Your Best Job, and a Life of Impact

Building Your Career as a Fletcher Graduate

Our alumni are tenacious, creative, and savvy, and employers around the world value the versatile skill sets and multidisciplinary expertise that Fletcher graduates bring to the table. From policy experts, to entrepreneurs, to development professionals, Fletcher graduates are bold and innovative leaders.

95%
Graduates Employed Within 6 Months of Graduation

70+
Alumni Clubs Worldwide

165
Unique Summer Internships Per Year

1.6K+
Annual Career Coaching Appointments

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Boston’s Advantage
The Center of Intellectual and International Pursuits

Boston is an academic and intellectual hub, home to more than 60 colleges and universities. A truly multicultural city, Boston boasts one of the largest concentrations of international students in the world. Fletcher students take advantage of our location in many ways. Academically, students embrace cross-registration options and Boston’s unparalleled environment for study and research. Professionally, students have opportunities in thriving business, technology, entrepreneurial, diplomatic, and non-profit communities. Students also enjoy Boston’s vibrant cultural life.

Students maintain and grow their networks through worldwide travel, as well as organized career trips to Washington, DC and New York City. In addition, our convenient location—and connection to Tufts University—consistently draws quality speakers and conference attendees.

Tufts University
Founded in 1852, Tufts University is among the oldest institutions of higher education in the Boston area. A major research institution with two undergraduate colleges and eight graduate and professional schools, Tufts maintains four campuses across Massachusetts and one in France. Tufts is celebrated for its international perspective, emphasis on active citizenship, and strength in the life sciences.

RESIDENTIAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy (MALD)
A two-year, highly flexible, interdisciplinary professional degree in international affairs.

Master of International Business (MIB)
A two-year hybrid international business/international affairs degree program.

Master of Arts (MA)
A one-year international affairs degree program designed for mid-career and senior-level professionals with eight or more years of professional experience.

Master of Arts in Transatlantic Affairs (MATA)
A two-year degree jointly awarded by The Fletcher School and the College of Europe with a focus on transatlantic issues.

Master of Laws in International Law (LLM)
A one-year program in international law for professionals eligible to practice law.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
An interdisciplinary, advanced course of study in international relations.

Map Your Future (MYF)
An application pathway for college seniors to gain admission to the MALD or MIB degree program two to three years in the future.

HYBRID DEGREE PROGRAMS
These programs combine online instruction with residencies that enable students to remain in the workforce while earning a Fletcher degree.

Global Master of Arts Program (GMAP)
A twelve-month, hybrid program in international affairs designed for mid-career and senior-level professionals with eight or more years of experience. The program combines 33 weeks of online learning with three two-week residencies.

Master of Global Business Administration (GBA)
Designed for experienced professionals, this degree combines international business with international affairs coursework through live and recorded class sessions in combination with two long-weekend immersions.
Experience Fletcher for Yourself

We invite you to visit Fletcher, interview, sit in on a class, and meet our students. Unable to make it to campus? Join us for one of our virtual information sessions, take advantage of our Skype interview program, or check out our travel calendar to see if we’re visiting a city near you.

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