



The CSIS

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP

Enriching the Future of U.S. Foreign Policy

CSIS Executive Education & Abshire–Inamori Leadership Academy

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The Fellowship Experience

The Trinity Fellowship at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) is dedicated to bringing new constituencies and diverse voices into the foreign policy community.

This semester-long fellowship is intended for junior- and senior-year college students and those of an equivalent experience level who are interested in foreign affairs and want to prepare themselves for a career in the policy field. By joining this fellowship, participants will enter a professional pathway aimed at accelerating their success and building valuable connections. Fellows will learn from renowned foreign policy experts and will be encouraged to participate in a mutual exchange of ideas by adding their own thoughts and ideas to important and timely discussions.

Each cohort will include approximately 15 fellows who encompass a broad spectrum of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. The cohort will meet **every two weeks over a four-month period** parallel to the collegiate academic semester. Each meeting will consist of a combination of professional development seminars, geopolitical briefings, and networking events.

The 2020 fellowship will launch as a virtual program and transition to in-person meetings at CSIS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. as soon as feasible. Each participant will receive a **\$1,500 stipend** upon successful completion of the program.

We hope you will apply or nominate others who may benefit from this experience!

The Curriculum

Fellows will engage in a robust learning journey that covers three components: **interactive foreign policy seminars**, **professional skill-building workshops**, and **networking and mentorship opportunities**. The program culminates in a **capstone project** that requires fellows to bring innovative ideas to current foreign policy challenges.

Fellows will emerge from this experience with:

- An in-depth understanding of global and regional trends impacting various industries and political systems.
 - The ability to communicate fresh ideas confidently and persuasively to established policy experts.
 - A community of mentorship and support between participants, CSIS professionals, and other networks in D.C.
 - Professional skills that set them apart as successful candidates in today's job market.
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To graduate, participants must attend at least 15 offered classes and present their final **capstone project** to CSIS staff and mentors. Graduates will be recognized at a celebratory dinner with CSIS President and CEO John Hamre and awarded a certificate of completion by CSIS's Abshire-Inamori Leadership Academy.

Sample Curriculum

TIME	MON., SEPT. 14	WED., SEPT. 16	WED., SEPT. 23	WED., OCT. 7	WED., OCT. 14
2 PM		Seven Revolutions: Trends Shaping Our World to 2050	Diplomacy and Defense: The Role of Allies and International Institutions	Introduction to Capstone Community Project	Disinformation and the New Media Landscape
3 PM	Orientation and Introductions	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
4 PM	CSIS and the Role of Think Tanks in Policymaking	8 Tips for Good Policy Writing	Diplomacy in Decision Making: Bridging Conflicting Opinions and Perspectives	Diversity in Foregin Policy: Amplifying Your Voice	Landing the Job: Enhancing Your Professional Portfolio
				BREAK	
5 PM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
6 PM	Authentic Leadership: Empowering Your Unique Skill Set	(OPTIONAL) Career Insights: CSIS Young Professionals	Data Visualization: Open Source Tools and Methods	Design Thinking and Innovative Problem Solving	Government and Industry Roundtable: National Security Careers

****Mentor Meetings Individually Scheduled Throughout****

FOCUS AREAS:



Foreign Policy Seminar



Professional Skill Building



Networking



Experiential Capstone

**Classes and dates are subject to change.
For full course descriptions, visit our [website](#).*

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TIME	WED., OCT. 28	WED., NOV. 4	WED., NOV. 18	WED., DEC. 2	WED., DEC. 9
2 PM	The World Resources Crisis: Climate Change, Food Security, and Energy	Migration Trends: Africa, Latin America, and Europe	International Development as a Tool of U.S. Soft Power	Great Power Competition: Rising China and U.S.–Russia Relations	Presentation Rehearsal
3 PM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
4 PM	Global Economic Trends	How to Deliver a Policy Brief	Project Management	Diplomacy Simulation: Great Power Competition	Capstone Community Project Presentations
5 PM	BREAK	Public Speaking Coaching: How to Stand Out	BREAK		Reflection and Evaluation
	Networking 101: Tips and Tricks	BREAK	Addressing Structural Impediments and Conceptualizing Solutions <i>a dialogue between fellows and scholars</i>		Reception and Graduation Dinner with CSIS President and CEO Dr. Hamre
	BREAK	The Intelligence Community and the Security Clearance Process	BREAK		
6 PM	(OPTIONAL) CSIS Intern Networking Hour		Introduction to Simulation and Roles		

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FOREIGN POLICY SEMINARS

Substantive briefings unpacking timely global trends. Each seminar includes experiential learning components and opportunities to share input with experts.

- CSIS and the Role of Think Tanks in Policymaking
- Seven Revolutions: Trends Shaping Our World to 2050
- Diplomacy and Defense: The Role of Allies and International Institutions
- Disinformation and the New Media Landscape
- Fundamentals and Challenges of Artificial Intelligence
- Global Economic Trends
- Great Power Competition: Rising China and U.S.-Russia Relations
- International Development as a Tool of U.S. Soft Power
- Migration Trends: Africa, Latin America, and Europe
- The Arab Spring a Decade On
- The Role of Grassroots Mobilization Efforts in Civil Society
- The Space Race of Commercial and Civil Actors
- The World Resource Crisis (Food Security, Climate Change, and Energy)
- What's Next for Europe



PROFESSIONAL SKILL BUILDING

Interactive workshops that strengthen professional skills for the workplace.

- Authentic Leadership: Empowering Your Unique Skill Set
- Diversity in Foreign Policy: Amplifying Your Voice
- Data Visualization: Open Source Tools and Methods
- Design Thinking and Innovative Problem-Solving
- Diplomacy in Decision Making: Bridging Conflicting Opinions and Perspectives
- 8 Tips for Good Policy Writing
- How to Deliver a Policy Brief
- Landing the Job: Enhancing Your Professional Portfolio
- Networking 101: Tips and Tricks
- Project Management
- Public Speaking Coaching: How to Stand Out



NETWORKING AND MENTORSHIP

Opportunities to connect with professionals at CSIS and throughout D.C. Fellows will also be paired with CSIS mentors to help guide them through the fellowship and to provide tangible career advice.

- Meet your Mentor: Coffee/Lunch Chats
- Career Insights: CSIS Young Professionals
- Government and Industry Roundtable: National Security Careers
- The Intelligence Community and the Security Clearance Process
- CSIS Intern Networking Hour
- Graduation Dinner with CSIS President and CEO

The Capstone

The CSIS Trinity Fellowship will culminate in a two-part experiential capstone to reinforce skills developed and knowledge gained over the course of the program.



Part 1

DIPLOMACY SIMULATION: GREAT POWER COMPETITION

This real-world exercise will allow participants to simulate making decisions as government and business actors faced with an international crisis that demands immediate action under challenging circumstances. Each participant will be assigned a specific stakeholder role to research and represent during the simulation.



Part 2

COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECT

Participants will work in groups to develop a policy initiative to solve a challenge in their community that they are passionate about or to develop a campaign that further encourages diversity in the foreign policy field. Each group will select their own issue or campaign approach, as well as their own medium of presentation (such as, but not limited to a white paper, podcast mini-series, video, etc.) Fellows will present their final projects to CSIS staff and other relevant stakeholders in their respective communities.

The Ideal Candidate

CSIS is looking for individuals with diverse backgrounds who are considering a career in either the public or private sector that touches on national security or foreign policy issues. Candidates from any academic background in addition to traditional foreign affairs disciplines are welcome. Those involved in multicultural and diversity-focused extracurriculars are encouraged to apply.

Faculty, supervisors, mentors, or peers are encouraged to nominate candidates who they think would benefit from the mission of this program.

The ideal candidate:

- Has an interest in making a difference in the world through the policy-making process
 - Is excited to engage with experts and other participants on foreign policy issues and professional skill-development
 - Can commit to attending at least 15 of the 20+ offered sessions
 - Is currently enrolled as a junior or senior in a 4-year college/ university or engaged in a college- equivalent professional program such as Year Up
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How to Apply or Nominate

Individuals may be nominated or can nominate themselves to participate in the CSIS Trinity Fellowship. Once nominated, candidates will be notified to complete a brief online application including a statement of interest and resume.

NOMINATE HERE

DEADLINE: August 24, 2020

DATES: September 14 – December 9, 2020 with bi-weekly meetings.

LOCATION: The fellowship will launch virtually and transition to in-person meetings at CSIS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. as soon as feasible.

WEBSITE: <https://www.csis.org/programs/executive-education/current-programs/csis-trinity-fellowship-enriching-future-foreign>

QUESTIONS: Contact **Hadeil Ali** at hali@csis.org or **Kathryn Young** at kyoung@csis.org.

About Executive Education & the Abshire–Inamori Leadership Academy

The Abshire–Inamori Leadership Academy within CSIS’s Executive Education Department offers year-round educational opportunities for individuals and organizations to increase their knowledge of geopolitical trends, understand the policy ecosystem of Washington, and to expand their personal leadership potential. The department also offers customized foreign policy and leadership seminars to university groups that provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed as young professionals entering the workforce. To learn more about existing programs, please visit us at www.csis.org/executive-education or contact **Nahmyo Thomas**, CSIS vice president and director of Executive Education at nthomas@csis.org.

About CSIS

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) is a bipartisan, nonprofit policy research organization dedicated to advancing practical ideas to address the world’s greatest challenges. Founded in 1962, CSIS is led by John J. Hamre, who has served as president and chief executive officer since 2000. Our purpose is to define the future of national security. We are guided by a distinct set of values — non-partisanship, independent thought, innovative thinking, cross-disciplinary scholarship, integrity and professionalism, and talent development. CSIS’s values work in concert toward the goal of making real-world impact. CSIS is ranked the number one think tank in the United States as well as the defense and national security center of excellence for 2016-2018 by the University of Pennsylvania’s “Global Go To Think Tank Index.”

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