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A rapidly-changing world requires an adaptable workforce that is ready to confront complex global issues. Executive Education at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) offers a unique blend of global insights, experiential learning, and leadership development that leverages its world-class experts and coaches to get your workforce ready. Our innovative programming creates a one-of-a-kind learning environment for problem-solvers and professionals ranging from early career to the highest executive levels.

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Crash Course: Trade Policy with the Trade Guys
Join the hosts of CSIS’s highly rated Trade Guys podcast for a behind-the-scenes look at the U.S. trade policy process. Discover how trade policy is really formulated and explore the legal frameworks and norms, key multilateral institutions, and the biggest trade policy challenges facing the Biden administration.

Decoding D.C.: Policy, Power, and People
Learn the ins and outs of Washington’s unique political landscape from D.C. insiders and experienced policy practitioners. Understand how formal institutions and informal networks interact to advance policy interests. Sharpen the skills you need to manage crises, assess breaking developments, and engage both government and nongovernment actors.

The Defense Enterprise Today: Strategy, Structure, and Future Prospects
Gain a deeper understanding of the defense domain, from strategy and force structure to budgeting and emerging technologies, in this intensive seminar. Go beyond classic defense activities to explore the intelligence community, irregular warfare, and gray zone competition. Learn to navigate the inner workings of the U.S. defense enterprise and understand the mechanics, challenges, trends, and futures of U.S. national security and its associated industries through seminars, small group exercises, and a fast-paced simulation.

Driving Economic Growth: The Role of Development Finance Institutions
In recent years, development finance has been used as a tool of strategic competition by funding massive infrastructure projects to assert influence—or compel countries to align with specific policies and rules. Examine the range of financial tools available to policymakers; the institutions that work in this space; the perspectives of recipient countries; and how nations and key stakeholders use development finance to achieve development, political, and diplomatic goals.

Evolving Technologies: Innovation, Competition, and Change
This online, self-paced course focuses on the critical issues leaders must grasp as the global environment is increasingly reshaped by geopolitical and economic competition in high-tech manufacturing, biotechnology, security, and the unknowns of future innovation. This course focuses less on how these technologies work and more on why they matter, what to watch for, and how to prepare. Discover what transformations the Fourth Industrial Revolution will bring and how to design policies and systems that amplify its promise while mitigating negative consequences.

Global Foresight: Preparing for Future Trends
Strategic foresight—equal parts art and science—is the methodology leaders rely on to achieve their goals during major paradigm shifts. Learn to identify, track, and prepare for post-pandemic futures, the economics of climate change, the impact of disruptive technologies, and the other macrotrends that will drive decision-making for the next 30 years.

Inside DOD’s FY 2025 Budget
Gain access to expert analysis on major changes in the U.S. FY 2025 defense budget request and the Biden administration’s national defense strategy. Dive deep into how these changes will affect the defense enterprise and how to find the data that’s most important for your organization.

Mapping the U.S. DOD Acquisition Ecosystem
The Washington, D.C. defense policy community is a robust ecosystem with frequent new entrants at every level, but the acquisition process can be mystifying without the proper training resources. This deep dive into defense acquisition covers contract requirements, the formal acquisition process, a historical overview of how we got to where we are, and some current topics including export controls, inflation, industrial base competition, rare earth elements, and data rights.

Renewing the U.S. Innovation System
Innovation—the process of moving ideas from the laboratory to products and services for the market—is critical to addressing the nation’s challenges in economic growth and security and improving the health and wellbeing of its citizens. This course provides industry leaders and policymakers with the context to understand efforts to renew America’s innovation system and a framework to understand their impact on business and policy decisions.

Taiwan in the Balance
Gain a comprehensive framework for understanding the dynamics at play in one of the world’s most dangerous flashpoints. With this day-and-a-half course, go beyond the headlines to explore the latest trends and developments impacting cross-Strait relations and heightened tensions in the region.
CSIS LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

AILA International Fellowship
May 13–17, 2024; September 23–27, 2024 $5,000
Application deadline: December 1, 2023; May 17, 2024
The AILA International Fellowship prepares aspiring global leaders to be effective and ethical changemakers. This transformational experience gives participants the tools and agile mindset to enact innovative solutions to the challenges of today's volatile world. Through an intensive and interactive week of seminars and experiential learning, AILA International Fellows gain a deeper understanding of the complex global dynamics and moral constraints they face as leaders.

CSIS Accelerator
June 27, 2024–February 27, 2025 $7,500
Application deadline: May 10, 2024
The CSIS Accelerator fosters a vibrant cohort of rising professionals dedicated to strategic, ethical, and effective leadership. Accelerator participants engage in a unique series of leadership, management, and policy trainings that propel them to the forefront of their fields on topics including managing polarities, design thinking, negotiation, data analysis, on-camera media training, and more. Classes take place weekly over the course of nine months.

Breakthrough Leadership Program*
September–November 2024 $10,000
Nomination deadline: June 28, 2024
The Breakthrough Leadership Program accelerates the advancement of mid-career professionals from historically marginalized backgrounds. This unique program blends leadership and communication coaching with seminars on pressing global issues to enhance the skills and insights that high-potential employees need to take on bigger roles within their organizations.

Women's Global Leadership Program*
February–November 2025 $25,000
Nomination deadline: November 2024
The Women's Global Leadership Program is a year-long executive fellowship for outstanding executives who wish to deepen their understanding of critical geopolitical trends and to further develop the leadership skills needed to thrive in today's competitive marketplace. Participants join a select network of rising women leaders with diverse professional backgrounds to engage in experiential and seminar-based learning about pressing global issues.

*These programs offer a reduced tuition rate for government and nonprofits.

I found the whole experience enlightening, exhausting, and uplifting. The overall progression of the program made me really reflect on who I currently am, where I come from, and how I want to grow as a person and leader.

– AILA International Fellowship Alumna
CUSTOM PROGRAMS FOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE TEAMS

There are no off-the-shelf solutions to today’s complex challenges; they take strategic insights, technical expertise, and trusted partners to design and implement. That’s why we craft customized programming for your industry and unique learning and development goals.

From preparing your organization for accelerating technological and geopolitical change to cultivating resilient leaders and strategic thinkers, our customized approach helps executive teams, high-potential employees, membership groups, and business units tackle mission-critical issues together. Any of our courses can be tailored for the needs of your team or organization. CSIS experts and coaches deliver in-person and virtual programming in a collaborative setting on:

- Geopolitical trends and risk analysis
- Critical skills in leadership and communication
- Strategic planning and innovative problem-solving
- Policy dynamics and ecosystem

SET GOALS.

Identify your team’s development targets and work with CSIS to set a learning trajectory that meets the challenges and goals unique to your organization.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS.

Engage in policy roundtables with experienced practitioners and go deep with world-class experts. Develop new professional tools through hands-on workshops and put those skills to the test in dynamic, real-world simulations.

FOSTER NEW IDEAS.

Discover the power of programming that fosters buy-in and collaboration between peers. Workshop new ideas, confront real challenges informed by your business environment, and identify creative solutions that reflect your organization’s culture.

READY TO DIVE IN?

Contact Donatienne Ruy, Director of the Abshire-Inamori Leadership Academy at dru@csis.org so we can work with you to understand your organization’s needs and prepare a tailored learning journey for your high-performance team.

*If we let our current potential choose which future accomplishments are feasible, nothing new or challenging could ever be achieved.*

– Kazuo Inamori
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