

2025 COURSE CATALOG

CSIS EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

Leadership for a Changing World

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WHY CSIS EXECUTIVE EDUCATION?

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.

For over two decades, the CSIS network of scholars, practitioners, and coaches has elevated foreign policy expertise and professional growth, preparing leaders in government, industry, non-profits, and academia to:

- Engage, inspire, and effect change
- Forecast strategic outcomes
- Communicate in challenging environments
- Embody resilient and agile leadership
- Build long-lasting relationships with peers and coaches

JOIN US

Open Enrollment Courses

Choose from a range of seminars on policy and global issues and dive deep with experts to gain and apply new insights. Grow your network by collaborating on case studies or simulations with professionals across a range of sectors.

Leadership Programs

Invest in your organization's success by nominating a rising leader or executive to hone their communication skills, leadership acumen, and global insight and build deep and supportive relationships with peers.

Custom Programs

Let us design and deliver a learning journey for the specific talent goals of your organization, building from our policy expertise and leadership and management options.

P	February 11, 2025 Mapping the U.S. DOD Acquisition Ecosystem*	\$1,250
P	March 24-27, 2025 Decoding D.C.: Policy, Power, and People*	\$4,000
P	April 8-11, 2025 Global Foresight: Preparing for Future Trends*	\$4,000
P	April 30, 2025 Building Critical Mineral Security for a Sustainable Future*	\$1,250
P	May 8-9, 2025 Crash Course: Trade Policy with the Trade Guys*	\$2,000
P	June 3-4, 2025 Meeting China's Military Challenge*	\$2,500**
P	June 5, 2025 Inside DOD's FY2026 Budget*	\$1,250**
P	October 20-23, 2025 Global Foresight: Preparing for Future Trends*	\$4,000
P	October 27-30, 2025 Decoding D.C.: Policy, Power, and People*	\$4,000
P	Fall 2025 Taiwan in the Balance*	\$2,000

Final dates subject to change.

*Course available virtually upon request.

**Meeting China's Military Challenge and Inside DOD's FY 2026 Budget may be taken as a bundled offering for a discounted rate of \$3,000.

Building Critical Mineral Security for a Sustainable Future

Investigate the various risks facing U.S. critical minerals security, the building and management of robust supply chains, and the future of sustainability. Through dynamic sessions and interactive seminars, analyze every corner of the world of critical minerals — from economic, geopolitical, and technological factors to environmental and social considerations.

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 Trump 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.

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 2026 Budget

Gain access to expert analysis on major changes in the U.S. FY 2026 defense budget request and the Trump 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 timely topics including international defense industrial cooperation, the defense industrial base, and innovation.

Meeting China's Military Challenge

Meeting China's Military Challenge is a two-day course that equips participants with the insights and operational perspective needed to engage with one of today's most pressing defense challenges. Expert-led seminars lay out China's military capabilities and the U.S. response, with the program culminating in an immersive wargame that illuminates the consequences of a U.S.-China conflict and evaluates the effectiveness of U.S. force structure and strategy.

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.



AILA International Fellowship

May 12–16, 2025; September 29–October 3, 2025

\$5,000

Application deadline: January 17, 2025; June 6, 2025

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 Series

July 17–December 11, 2025

\$7,500

Application deadline: May 21, 2025

The CSIS Accelerator Series is designed for rising professionals ready to hone their leadership and management skills to achieve the next level of impact in their career. The curated program connects professionals with top policy experts and coaches to develop their skills in leadership, management, and communication while exploring the policy issues affecting their industry.

Women's Global Leadership Program*

February–November 2026

\$25,000

Nomination deadline: November 2025

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.

NEW The CSIS Global Strategy Lab*

November 10–December 5, 2025

\$10,000

Designed for leaders navigating complexity, the CSIS Global Strategy Lab delivers the strategic insight, global perspective, and communication tools required to drive success. By combining expert-led geopolitical analysis and crisis simulations with practical workshops on strategic communications and leadership frameworks, this program prepares leaders to tackle mission-critical issues together and advance their organizations' strategic objectives through uncertainty and change.

Breakthrough Leadership Program*

Program on Hold for 2025

\$10,000

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.

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



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 druy@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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