

2026 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	January 27, 2026 Driving Critical Minerals Security*	\$1,250
P	February 17, 2026 Flashpoints in Focus: Venezuela After Maduro*	\$1,500
P	March 10, 2026 Briefing for Impact: The AI Landscape*	\$925
P	March 30-April 2, 2026 Decoding D.C.: Policy, Power, and People (Spring)*	\$4,000
P	April 7-8, 2026 Meeting China's Military Challenge*	\$2,500**
P	April 9, 2026 Inside DOD's FY27 Budget*	\$1,250**
P	April 27-30, 2026 Global Foresight: Preparing for Future Trends (Spring)*	\$4,000
P	May 27, 2026 Mapping the U.S. DOD Acquisition Ecosystem*	\$1,250
P	October 26-29, 2026 Decoding D.C.: Policy, Power, and People (Fall)*	\$4,000
P	Fall 2026 Global Foresight: Preparing for Future Trends (Fall)*	\$4,000

Final dates subject to change.

**Course available virtually upon request.*

***Meeting China's Military Rise and Inside DOD's FY 2027 Budget may be taken as a bundled offering for a discounted rate of \$3,000.*

Driving Critical Minerals Security

Join industry experts for a deep dive into the economic, geopolitical, technological, environmental, and social considerations of securing critical minerals and apply findings to a range of industries and policy challenges. Through dynamic sessions, interactive seminars, and a tabletop exercise, investigate the various risks facing U.S. critical minerals security for the foreseeable future.

Flashpoints in Focus: Venezuela After Maduro

The end of Maduro's rule has opened a high-stakes and unpredictable chapter for Venezuela. This course analyzes post-Maduro trajectories, providing insights into how early transition decisions are likely to shape security dynamics, energy markets, and U.S. regional strategy.

Briefing for Impact: The AI Landscape

Artificial intelligence is reshaping geopolitical competition, regulatory debates, and the information environment. In this half-day program, participants will first examine the strategic implications of AI before putting those insights to work in a focused oral briefing practicum that mirrors the demands of real-world decisionmaking.

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.

Meeting China's Military Challenge

Engage with today's most pressing defense challenges in this two-day course about the implications of China's military rise and its impact on U.S. national security. Expert-led seminars and an immersive wargame will illuminate the consequences of a U.S.-China conflict and the effectiveness of U.S. force structure and strategy.

Inside DOD's FY27 Budget

Gain access to expert analysis on major changes in the U.S. FY 2027 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.

Global Foresight: Preparing for Future Trends

Explore the critical megatrends that will shape the world over the next 30 years and unpack important policy issues and trends alongside top CSIS scholars and foresight practitioners. Develop strategic foresight tools—from identifying drivers of change to building future worlds—and learn to anticipate external challenges.

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. Join the CSIS Center for the Industrial Base to break down the full acquisition process, including requirements, funding, and contracting for systems.



AILA International Fellowship

May 11-15, 2026

Application Deadline: January 5, 2026

\$5,000

The AILA International Fellowship prepares aspiring global leaders to be effective and ethical changemakers. 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 9-December 10, 2026

Nomination Deadline: May 15, 2026; Application Deadline: May 22, 2026

\$7,500

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.

CSIS Global Strategy Lab

Virtual Dates: July 9, 22, and 23; In-Person Session: July 13-16, 2026

Application Deadline: May 15, 2026

\$7,500

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 and advance their organizations' strategic objectives through uncertainty and change.

Women's Global Leadership Program*

February 23-27, 2026; 2027 Dates to be Announced

\$25,000

The Women's Global Leadership Program is a year-long fellowship designed for executives to hone their leadership skills and deepen their understanding of critical geopolitical trends in order to thrive in a complex and competitive global environment. Fellows engage with world-class scholars and practitioners and contribute their own perspectives and expertise while learning from other members of the cohort.

**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 design thinking**
- **Data analysis and visualization**

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 Nina Tarr, Director of CSIS Executive Education, at ntarr@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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