

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 sophomore-, junior-, and senior-year college students 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 16 fellows who encompass a broad spectrum of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. The cohort will meet **every week 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 fellowship will be held virtually and in-person at CSIS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. 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.

To graduate, participants must attend at least 18 of the 25+ offered sessions 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.

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TIME	WED., SEPT. 8	WED., SEPT. 15	WED., SEPT. 22	WED., SEPT. 29	WED., OCT. 6
3 PM	Seven Revolutions: Trends Shaping Our World to 2050	Diplomacy and Defense: The Role of Allies and International Institutions	Networking 101 (IN PERSON)	Landing the Job: Enhancing Your Professional Portfolio	Global Economic Trends
4 PM			BREAK		
		BREAK		BREAK	BREAK
	BREAK		Mentor/Mentee Networking Hour (IN PERSON)	Interviewing 101	Design Thinking and Innovative Problem Solving
5 PM	Government and Industry Roundtable	Part 2: How to Write a Policy Brief			
6 PM				BREAK	
			Introduction to Capstone Policy Projects		
7 PM					

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

**** Foreign Policy Seminars will be tailored based on students' academic and professional interests****

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Foreign Policy Seminar



Professional Skill Building



Networking



Experiential Capstone

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TIME	WED., OCT. 13	WED., OCT. 20	WED., OCT. 27	WED., NOV. 3	WED., NOV. 10
3 PM	Diversity in Foreign Policy	CSIS and the Role of Think Tanks in Policymaking	The World Resource Crisis: Climate Change, Food Security, and Energy	Designing Engaging and Effective Presentations (IN PERSON)	Global Health Policy (IN PERSON)
4 PM					
	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK		BREAK
5 PM	Advocating for Policy Change	Interest Group Networking **BREAKOUT ROOMS BASED ON INDUSTRIES**	Disinformation in the New Media Landscape	BREAK	CSIS Career Panel & Networking (HR/Directors/Interns) (IN PERSON)
				Public Speaking: How to Stand Out (IN PERSON)	
	BREAK				
6 PM	WCAPS and Young Professionals in Foreign Policy Roundtable				
7 PM					

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*****Fellows met with mentors, capstone advisors, and Scott Morgan (communication expert) leading up to the Capstone Project Presentation*****

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TIME	WED., NOV. 17	WED., DEC. 1	WED., DEC. 8
3 PM	Tech Policy 101: Cyber, Artificial Intelligence, 5G	Diplomacy Simulation (IN PERSON)	Presentation Rehearsal (IN PERSON)
			BREAK
4 PM	BREAK		Capstone Policy Projects (IN PERSON)
	Addressing Structural Impediments to Success and Conceptualizing Solutions		
5 PM			
6 PM			Graduation Dinner/ Celebration (IN PERSON)
7 PM			

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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
- Navigating the Policy Community with CSIS President and CEO Dr. Hamre
- Seven Revolutions: Trends Shaping Our World to 2050
- Diplomacy and Defense: The Roles of Allies and International Institutions
- Global Economic Trends
- International Development: A Tool for U.S. Soft Power
- The World Resource Crisis: Climate Change, Food Security, and Energy
- Disinformation in the New Media Landscape
- The Role of Grassroots Mobilization Efforts in Civil Society
- Great Power Competition: Rising China and U.S.-Russia Relations
- Global Health Policy
- Tech Policy 101: Cyber, Artificial Intelligence, 5G



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
- Diplomacy and Decision Making: Bridging Conflicting Opinions and Perspectives
- Addressing Structural Impediments to Success and Conceptualizing Solutions
- Project Management & Teamwork
- How to Write a Policy Brief
- Networking 101: Tips and Tricks
- Landing the Job: Enhancing Your Professional Portfolio
- Interviewing 101
- Design Thinking and Innovative Problem Solving
- Advocating for Policy Change
- Designing Engaging and Effective Presentations
- Public Speaking: 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.

- Government and Industry Roundtable: National Security Careers
- Mentor/Mentee Networking Hour
- WCAPS and Young Professionals in Foreign Policy Roundtable
- Interest Group Networking
- CSIS Career Panel & Networking
- Reception and Graduation Dinner with CSIS President and CEO Dr. John Hamre

The Experiential Capstone Project

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

POLICY PROJECT

Participants will work in groups to develop a policy initiative to solve a challenge that they are passionate about. Each group will tackle a policy issue of their choice throughout the semester. Fellows will present their final projects to CSIS's CEO and President Dr. Hamre, CSIS staff, Trinity faculty, and other relevant policy stakeholders.

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 sophomore or junior at Trinity Washington University
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How to Apply

Applications for the CSIS Trinity Fellowship will open on **June 7** and close on **June 27 at 11:59 PM**. Applicants will be notified on **July 9**.

[**APPLY HERE**](#)

DEADLINE: June 27, 2021

DATES: September 1 – December 8, 2021 with weekly meetings

LOCATION: The fellowship will follow a hybrid model with a few networking sessions and the graduation ceremony held in-person at CSIS Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

QUESTIONS: Contact **Hadeil Ali** at hali@csis.org or **Laura Koepsell** at lkoepsell@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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