

Breakthrough Leadership Program

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Break through. The Breakthrough Leadership Program accelerates the advancement of high-potential professionals with a focus on the unique needs and perspectives of those from underrepresented communities. Participants enhance their global acumen and amplify critical executive skills through intensive engagement with the world-class experts and practitioners of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

Program Design

Seminars on Leadership & Global Issues (Virtual: Wednesdays, 4:00-7:30 pm ET)

- September 7
- September 14
- September 21
- September 28
- October 5

Leadership Symposium (In Washington, D.C.)

- October 11-14

Capstone Presentations

- November 16

Lead Through Change. Gain the frameworks and tools to build an authentic leadership style, match process to purpose, and guide innovation.

- Navigating organizational cultures
- Individualized leadership coaching
- Emotional intelligence and conflict styles
- Self-assessment and purposeful reflection

Gain Global Vision. Analyze critical issues and develop the global savvy to anticipate and plan for major challenges and opportunities.

- Geopolitics, security, and technology
- Global governance and trade
- Energy and climate change
- Global health and migration

Communicate with Power and Purpose. Work with expert coaches and peers to hone critical communication skills across a variety of formats and audiences.

- Crafting memorable stories and a personal brand
- Public speaking for impact and influence
- On-camera media training
- Negotiating for the win-win



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About The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Founded in 1924, the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University was the first institution in the nation to offer graduate professional education in public administration and has been top ranked by U.S. News and World Report since rankings began. Scholars work side by side with practitioners to foster innovative, interdisciplinary teaching and research across the social sciences, public policy, public administration, and international relations.

About CSIS Executive Education

The Center for Strategic and International Studies' Executive Education Program convenes professionals from diverse backgrounds at Washington, D.C.'s premier bipartisan think tank for transformative programming in leadership, communication, and global issues. For over 60 years, CSIS has brought independent research, innovative ideas, and practical policy solutions to some of the greatest security, regional, and transnational challenges facing policymakers and international thought leaders.

Eligibility

Corporate, nonprofit, and U.S. Government sponsors are invited to nominate up to three high-potential leaders from underrepresented communities. Nominees should have 6+ years of experience and the caliber to serve in senior management positions. Nominees may be drawn from anywhere within their organization's structure. Candidates may also apply directly.

How to Apply

Tuition for the Breakthrough Leadership Program is \$10,000 per participant. The program offers a reduced tuition rate for government and nonprofits.* Please contact Eric Palomaa at epalomaa@csis.org for additional information. Nominations and applications will be accepted at csis.org/BLP on a rolling basis.

*Participants are responsible for any travel required to Washington, D.C., as well as accommodation.



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