AILA International Fellowship
AT THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Program Overview

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) prepares future leaders for the challenges and responsibilities of strategic leadership. David M. Abshire, cofounder of CSIS, and Kazuo Inamori, chairman emeritus of Kyocera Corporation, created the Abshire-Inamori Leadership Academy (AILA) at CSIS in 2002, which explores deeply held convictions about the fundamental elements of successful leadership. By engaging rising leaders in the art and practice of leadership, the Academy promotes a better understanding of the intellectual and moral constraints that bind decisionmakers.

AILA International Fellows

The program is designed to attract a diverse array of mid-career international, government, and nongovernment officials aspiring to become effective leaders. Each year, a select group of 10 candidates is chosen for a one-week training session at CSIS in Washington, DC. The objective of the program is to allow rising leaders the opportunity to think critically about the broad intellectual horizons and cross-cultural dialogue necessary to lead effectively in today’s world. The program is practical in orientation and designed to advance each fellow’s individual skill sets, techniques, and professional confidence in a multicultural atmosphere. By exposing them to today’s most pressing global policy dilemmas, the fellows are challenged to develop a more mastered understanding of the influence that leaders have on political, economic, and social systems.

Next Offered:
October 13-18, 2013
Washington, DC

For more information on the International Fellows Program, please visit http://csis.org/program/aila-international-fellows-program.
A Dynamic Curriculum
THE ONE-WEEK TRAINING COVERS KEY ASPECTS OF LEADERSHIP FROM THE THEORETICAL TO THE APPLIED.

To facilitate understanding of the nature of leadership, sessions will be devoted to

- Ethics and character building;
- Creativity and innovation in leadership;
- Media/PR training; and
- Strategic thinking and trend analysis.

To cultivate and apply lessons learned, fellows will be engaged in

- Roundtable discussions with regional experts;
- Lectures on topical and security issues;
- Field trips to Capitol Hill, embassies, or other institutions in Washington, DC;
- Presentation skills training.

Case studies and simulations will be used as learning tools throughout.

“I enjoyed every minute at AILA and CSIS. The quality, knowledge and candor of its people, the substance of the discussions held, and the outstanding group of fellows were unmatchable.”

MANUEL GONZALEZ, 2009 AILA INTERNATIONAL FELLOW AND FORMER MINISTER OF TRADE OF COSTA RICA