

AILA International Fellows Program

The Abshire-Inamori Leadership Academy (AILA) at CSIS equips rising global leaders to be ethical and impactful decision-makers. David M. Abshire, co-founder of CSIS, and Kazuo Inamori, founder of Kyocera Corporation, created AILA in 2002 to explore deeply held convictions about ethics and the fundamental components of successful and meaningful leadership.

The AILA International Fellowship (AIF) is a flagship program combining workshops, briefings, and skill-building exercises that provide insights needed for successful leadership in today's world. Each year, a select group of 10-15 mid-career professionals from a wide array of backgrounds and professions is chosen for the intensive week-long training program, which is held at CSIS headquarters in Washington, D.C. AIF brings these participants a deeper understanding of the intellectual and moral constraints decision-makers face, while providing tools with which to address the responsibilities and challenges of leadership.

Drawing from CSIS's network of world-class scholars and practitioners, AIF challenges rising leaders to think critically about the intellectual, ethical, cultural, and policy questions that are central to effective leadership in today's world. The dynamic, practically oriented curriculum strengthens each Fellow's professional skills, leadership potential, and understanding of important foreign policy challenges in a collaborative, cross-sector, and multicultural atmosphere.

AIF's dynamic curriculum includes:

- Leadership skills workshops
- Ethics and decision-making discussions
- Communication and persuasion workshops
- Briefings on global policy challenges and trends
- Roundtable discussions with experts and practitioners
- Case studies and applied exercises
- Visits to Capitol Hill, embassies and other institutions in Washington, DC



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