

Fellowship Affairs Program

The Fellowship Affairs Program awards nearly three dozen fellowships to accomplished scholars and practitioners from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. The program affords selected visiting fellows the opportunity to broaden their understanding of international affairs either by pursuing research and writing in a scholarly atmosphere free from operational pressure or by working in a policy-oriented setting with practitioners.

Approximately one dozen visiting fellows spend their fellowship tenures at CFR, and another two dozen are placed at academic institutions, think tanks, international organizations, corporations, and government agencies in the United States and abroad.

The Fellowship Affairs Program administers eleven fellowships: International Affairs Fellowship (IAF), IAF in Canada, IAF in Japan, IAF in International Economics, IAF in Nuclear Security; IAF for Tenured International Relations Scholars; Stanton Nuclear Security Fellowship; Military Fellowships; National Intelligence Fellowship; Edward R. Murrow Press Fellowship; and Historian-in-Residence.

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Former IAFs James M. Lindsay of CFR and Admiral James George Stavridis of Tufts University kick off the 2014 IAF Conference.



Former IAFs Dalton Conley of New York University and Kimberly M. McClure of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations speak at the 2012 IAF Conference.



Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Paul F. Zukunft promotes former CFR Coast Guard Fellow Pat DeQuattro to rear admiral in a 2015 ceremony hosted at CFR.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP

The IAF provides talented individuals from academia and the private sector the opportunity to spend one year in policy-oriented environments such as the U.S. Department of Defense, State, and Treasury. It also enables rising stars in government to spend one year in a scholarly setting, such as a think tank or university, to free them from bureaucratic pressures and allow them to focus on research and writing. CFR awards between eight and ten fellowships annually.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP IN CANADA

Launched in 2016, the IAF in Canada seeks to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation between rising leaders and thinkers in the United States and Canada. CFR provides one or two Americans per year the opportunity to spend six to twelve months at a Canadian institution to deepen their knowledge of Canada.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP IN JAPAN, SPONSORED BY HITACHI, LTD.

The IAF in Japan seeks to strengthen American understanding of Japan and to enhance communication and cooperation among Americans and Japanese on common issues. CFR awards up to five fellowships annually. Each fellow carries out research while affiliated with an appropriate institution in Japan.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Established in 2016, the IAF in International Economics offers business economists and university-based economic scholars hands-on experience in the U.S. government. The program aims to enrich the teaching, scholarship, and research of academics; inform the practice of business economists; and expose policymakers to cutting-edge scholarly research and academic debates. CFR awards one fellowship annually.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP IN NUCLEAR SECURITY, SPONSORED BY THE STANTON FOUNDATION

This program offers university-based scholars valuable experience in the nuclear security policymaking field. Two selected fellows are placed in U.S. government positions or international organizations for twelve months to work with practitioners.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP FOR TENURED INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SCHOLARS

This program offers tenured international relations professors practical experience in the foreign policy-making field and places selected fellows in U.S. government agencies or international government organizations for a period of twelve months to work with practitioners. CFR awards between four and five fellowships annually.

STANTON NUCLEAR SECURITY FELLOWSHIP

Made possible by a grant from the Stanton Foundation, this fellowship offers scholars studying nuclear security issues the opportunity to spend one year at CFR conducting policy-relevant research. CFR awards two fellowships annually.

MILITARY FELLOWSHIPS

Military Fellowships are awarded each year to outstanding officers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. These fellows, who are nominated by the head of their respective services, spend one year at CFR broadening their understanding of international relations, conducting research and writing, and leading trips to military bases around the country.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship provides an opportunity for an outstanding senior intelligence officer to participate in and contribute to CFR activities and events. Each year, candidates are nominated by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

EDWARD R. MURROW PRESS FELLOWSHIP

The Edward R. Murrow Press fellowship seeks to promote the quality of responsible and discerning journalism exemplified by the work of Edward R. Murrow. CFR awards one distinguished foreign correspondent or editor the chance to spend nine months at CFR to work on a book and participate in CFR programming.

HISTORIAN-IN-RESIDENCE

Created in 2016, this fellowship is intended for a senior scholar who has a distinguished record of historical writing and research.



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