

# World Affairs Council Fellows Program

The World Affairs Council Fellows Program offers a unique professional development opportunity to a small cohort of greater Seattle's business and community leaders representing a broad range of backgrounds and interests.

The Fellows convene monthly for private roundtable discussions with carefully selected, high caliber international experts who offer unparalleled insight into current global issues, in addition to meeting throughout the year for Council events and dedicated networking opportunities.

## Benefits

Monthly (September-June) off the record private roundtables with international experts to build greater understanding of global issues with local relevance.

Productive connections and dialogue between participants representing business, government, military, education, and non-profit sectors.  
Quarterly networking receptions with the cohort to build ties within the group.

Year-long World Affairs Council membership with further opportunities to participate in substantive policy discussions and invite-only receptions.

Access to the extensive Fellows program alumni network where participants continue with quarterly breakfast discussions, drive ongoing conversations, and serve as proactive leaders and bridge builders in their respective communities.

## Highlights from Last Year

**Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch:** former Ambassador to Ukraine, Republic of Armenia, and Kyrgyz Republic

**Arun Venkataraman:** Assistant Secretary of Commerce

**Naima Green-Riley:** Assistant Professor in the School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University

**Ambassador Mikko Hautala:** Finnish Ambassador to the United States

**Juan Lavista Ferres:** Chief Scientist and Lab Director for Microsoft's AI for Good Lab

## Program Fees

Total cost of the program is **\$2,000**.

*Companies often subsidize the program costs for their employees, and benefit from fostering greater global competency, strengthening client relationships, and elevating their profile as a global brand.*

**Priority Deadline: July 31**

For more information or to apply, visit **[world-affairs.org/fellows](http://world-affairs.org/fellows)** or contact Nathan Sharpe, community engagement officer at [nsharpe@world-affairs.org](mailto:nsharpe@world-affairs.org).

## Organizations Represented

Amazon  
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
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Boeing  
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Davis Wright Tremaine LLP  
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Pacific Northwest National Laboratory  
Seagen  
Starbucks  
U.S. Navy  
University of Washington  
and more!