

2021 Aspen Strategy Group Rising Leaders Program

Core Programming

2021 Aspen Security Forum: August 3-6

At the core of the program is the Aspen Security Forum, our non-partisan annual summer gathering of thought leaders held on the Aspen Institute's campus in Aspen, Colorado. Participants step away from their daily lives and come together to discuss the most pressing foreign policy and national security challenges facing the world today.

The 2020 Aspen Security Forum was the first-ever digital, large-scale public event hosted by the Aspen Strategy Group. The virtual gathering attracted heads of government, foreign ministers, and key business and academic leaders from the U.S. and governments in Europe, South America, and the Indo-Pacific. Additionally, the digital 2020 Forum hosted the first-ever co-produced live COVID-19 briefing with WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and his senior leadership team.

Previous conversations can be found in our [video library](#).

We will bring up to approximately 20 Rising Leaders to Aspen to attend our discussions and engage with our participants. Rising Leaders will have the opportunity also to:

- a. Present a project or publication at a roundtable with ASG members
- b. Attend learning/networking lunches with speakers and moderators
- c. Participate in special workshops and trainings

2021 Year-Round Programming

- 1) Kick Off and Reunion Events: Either in Washington, D.C. or via Zoom, previous, current, and incoming Rising Leaders will gather for networking and discussions about current national security and foreign policy issues
- 2) Monthly Meetings: Rising Leaders will meet via Zoom to hear from: senior government officials; members of Congress; journalists; prominent thinkers and practitioners in academia, policy, and business; and Aspen Strategy Group members
- 3) Breakout Conversations: Rising Leaders will meet after select ASF events to discuss key points of the conversation with speakers, moderators, and/or sponsors
- 4) Online publication opportunity in a book of policy papers on the ASG website and the *Weekly Leaf* newsletter

Preferred Qualifications & Required Materials

- Candidates for the Program should be between the ages of 25 and 35 and/or have 5 to 10 years of experience in their field.
- Demonstrated interest *and* involvement in national security, diplomacy, international development, human rights, homeland security, counterterrorism, cybersecurity, and/or other related fields.
- Strong academic record.
- The online application consists of four parts:
 - Recommendation letter from an academic or professional associate
 - Brief statement of interest (under 500 words)
 - Two short answer essay questions (under 250 words each)
 - One-Page Resume

Annual Deadline and Notification

The annual application deadline for term membership is 11:59 PM (EST) on Sunday, January 17th. Candidates will be contacted for interview by early February.