2023 Aspen Strategy Group Rising Leaders Program

Core Programming
Kick-Off Event in Washington, D.C.: March 8-10
Incoming Rising Leaders will gather in Washington, D.C. for networking and discussions about current national security and foreign policy issues. Programming will include an Aspen leadership seminar and small off the record discussions with ASG members and network.

2023 Aspen Security Forum: July 18-21
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.

Additionally, Rising Leaders may be invited to attend off-the-record discussions with senior government officials; members of Congress; journalists; prominent thinkers and practitioners in academia, policy, and business; and/or Aspen Strategy Group members. At the Forum, Rising Leaders will also participate in a writing workshop with leading practitioners.

2023 Aspen Security Forum D.C. Edition: Winter 2023
The D.C. Edition of the Aspen Security Forum brings together high-caliber domestic and international speakers for one to two days of programming in the capital. At the D.C. Forum, Rising Leaders will have the opportunity to meet with alumni of the program. There will also be a concluding Aspen leadership seminar to close out the class of 2023.

Year-Round Programming
Rising Leaders will have virtual meetings on a regular basis to hear from: senior government officials; members of Congress; journalists; prominent thinkers and practitioners in academia, policy, and business; and Aspen Strategy Group members.

Capstone Project
Members of the cohort are required to author a policy paper on a relevant topic informed by their experiences and discussions over the course of the year. In the nonpartisan spirit of the Aspen Strategy Group, Rising Leaders are strongly encouraged to co-author the paper with a peer of a different perspective. The papers are then compiled, published, and promoted as an ASG policy book to amplify emerging and innovative voices in the field.

Preferred Qualifications & Required Materials

- Young professionals with five to fifteen years of experience in the field.
- Demonstrated interest *and* involvement in national security, diplomacy, international development, human rights, homeland security, counterterrorism, cybersecurity, and/or other related fields.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Must be able to attend the kick-off event in Washington, D.C. on March 8-10 and the 2022 Aspen Security Forums in both Aspen and D.C., in addition to regularly virtual meetings.
- The program application consists of four parts:
    - Brief statement of interest (under 250 words)
    - One short answer essay question (Between 250-350 words)
    - One-page resume
    - An academic or professional letter of recommendation submitted through the Reference Portal

Please note that full-time students and those living abroad during the term (March–December 2023) are discouraged from applying.

Application Timeline

The application deadline for the Class of 2023 is 11:59 PM (EST) on **Sunday, December 18th 2022**. Successful candidates will be contacted for interview in January.