



HOOVER INSTITUTION INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR FAQs

1. What is the Hoover Institution?

With its eminent scholars and world-renowned Library & Archives, the Hoover Institution is a public policy think tank that seeks to improve the human condition by advancing ideas that promote economic opportunity and prosperity while securing and safeguarding peace for America and all mankind.

2. What is the Hoover Institution International Seminar Program?

The Hoover Institution International Seminar (HIIS) is a seven-day in-person program for up to 25 foreign and defense policy professionals from partner countries. HIIS aims to create positive alignments between policy makers in the United States and those in like-minded countries to promote ideas and actions for free and open societies. The program invites participants to come with ideas about how to solve common problems at the intersection of democracy, technology, economics, defense, and other key areas. The program will be launched in the summer of 2022.

3. Who is eligible for the program?

The program is open to mid-career individuals working as a foreign policy or national security professionals in their respective countries for at least five years. Applicants must be able to write, prepare, and deliver presentations in English.

4. Are Americans eligible?

This program is created for international foreign and defense policy professionals. Applicants nationality should correspond to the country from which they are applying.

5. What are the costs associated with participating in the Hoover Institution International Seminar Program?

Accepted participants will receive round-trip coach airfare, ground transportation to and from San Francisco airport to Stanford, and meals and lodging for the in-person portion of the program.

6. Who should write letters of recommendation on my behalf?

You should request a letter of recommendation from your current supervisor or someone who worked closely with you in the recent past. If you are the founder or head of your institution, then it is suggested that you ask a board member or senior advisor to the organization to submit the letter of recommendation on your behalf. The second letter could be from a professional associate or colleague who can speak to your experience, the impact of your work, and your potential to continue serving and leading at senior levels. We will not accept letters of recommendation from family or friends and ask that each recommender state their relationship to the candidate.

7. Where do HIIS participants stay for in-person sessions?

Housing on the campus of Stanford University will be provided to participants during the seven-day in-person engagement that will take place at the Hoover Institution. We do not recommend that families accompany participants to the program, as it detracts from the bonding and network-building experience that is integral to the program. Participants are expected to attend the full program, including evening events.

8. What are the deadlines for the application process?

The application form and letters of recommendation are due by Tuesday, March 1, 2022 (11:59 pm Pacific Time).

9. What if I cannot attend the in-person engagement of the program?

It is required that participants attend both the in-person and virtual engagements of the program. No exceptions will be made.

10. When will I be informed whether I have been selected?

Applicants will be informed of their selection to the program by March 28, 2022. Please do not contact us concerning your application status before that time, as the program team will be very busy processing and reviewing files.

11. I was not accepted to the program. Will I find out why?

Due to the high volume of applications received, the program will not be able to follow up with each individual applicant concerning their application.

12. Can I reapply to the program next year if I was not accepted this year?

Yes, you can reapply, provided you meet the core criteria.

13. Whom can I contact with further questions?

For additional questions, please contact the program administrator at HISprogram@stanford.edu