# 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

**Chidi Blyden:** Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation

**Ambassador Ryan Crocker:** former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistant, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Kuwait, and Lebanon

**Dr. Robert Gates:** 22nd Secretary of Defense (2006-2011), formerly director of the CIA (1991-1993)

**Ambassador Lianys Torres Rivera:** Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, Embassy of Cuba in the USA

### **Program Fees**

Total cost of the program is **\$2,500** for Fellows from the private sector and large nonprofits, or **\$2,000** for Fellows from small non-profits and the public sector.

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 globally-oriented organization.

**Priority Deadline: July 31** 

For more information or to apply, visit **world-affairs.org/fellows** 

## Organizations Represented

Amazon
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Baird
Boeing
Expeditors
Foster Garvey PC
Hispanics in Philanthropy
Microsoft
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
Pfizer
Starbucks
U.S. Navy
and more!