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LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Our Leadership Programs equip rising leaders around the world with Senator John McCain’s character-driven leadership style to help advance human rights, democracy, and freedom.

THE MCCAIN GLOBAL LEADERS (MGL) PROGRAM

Structured as a 12-month fellowship and learning experience, each cohort includes a diverse group of leaders from around the world working **“in the arena” to advance democracy, human rights, and freedom**. The program is designed to advance each participant’s personal and professional leadership journey and impact by providing training, resources and access to highly relevant regional and global networks. It is supported by an active Global Advisory Council whose membership includes global leaders with a strong track record demonstrating character-driven leadership and expertise.

Leaders participate in three memorable in-person events, as well as a virtual leadership development curriculum that includes expert-led practical skills training inspired by Senator McCain’s legacy.

- **The Leadership Experience:** Washington, DC & Annapolis, Md.
- **The 2024 Changemaker Tours:** Argentina, Georgia, Taiwan, and The Gambia.
- **The Legacy Experience:** Da Nang & Hanoi, Vietnam

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The 2024 McCain Global Leaders Cohort will focus on defending democracy. There are few challenges greater to the global community than the threats posed to democracy through the rise of authoritarianism, disinformation, polarization, violent extremism, and conflict. Following Senator John McCain's legacy on the front lines of defending and advocating for democracy, freedom, and human rights, Leaders will embark on a journey that will provide them with tools to be champions of democracy in their home country and region.



NATIONAL SECURITY & COUNTERTERRORISM FELLOWSHIP

Each year, the McCain Institute selects a group of character-driven leaders as fellows — young women and men of extraordinary achievement who have demonstrated their commitment to national security and counterterrorism in the Five Eyes partner nations. The program prepares these individuals for future leadership opportunities and builds a professional network that connects them in a meaningful and enduring way. Executed in partnership with the Australian National University, the fellowship includes three weeklong visits to Five Eyes capitals: Washington, D.C., London, and Canberra.

With 57 total fellows in the network, the newest cohort is comprised of 16 rising leaders – 11 women and five men – who hail from the U.S. Army, U.K. Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Australian Federal Police, the New Zealand Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Global Affairs Canada, and more.



ANDREA VILLAGRÁN

**McCain Global Leader Alumna
Guatemala**

Andrea Villagrán, known for her work in democracy and human rights, was the youngest congresswoman in Guatemala when she took office in 2017 at the age of 25. A member of the inaugural McCain Global Leaders Cohort in 2022, she has led the way against authoritarianism and corruption in Guatemala. She advocates for the representation of women in the policymaking process, pushed back on anti-democratic court cases in the 2023 Guatemalan presidential election, and serves as a strong ally in working with the United States to eliminate factors causing unprecedented migration within the region. Today, Andrea serves in the leadership of the Congress of Guatemala and is leading democratic reforms.



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