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# Arizona State University in Washington, D.C.



**ASU efforts in Washington D.C. enable exciting prospects for students and faculty.** Our presence in our nation's capital provides significant educational opportunities for our students and leverages the expertise of our world-class faculty across a wide-range of issue areas.



**ASU convenes key players to advance high-level dialogue.** By being in Washington, D.C., ASU serves as a catalyst and a host of timely, leadership-level discourse between national decision-makers, opinion leaders, and ASU students, faculty and staff.



**ASU collaborates with individuals and organizations to optimize innovative partnerships.** Our partnerships with think tanks, federal research agencies, policy councils, nonprofit organizations, national associations and other colleges and universities comprise a focused effort to address society's most pressing challenges related to education, health, economic development, the environment, social justice and many other global issues.



**ASU helps to advance Arizona and the nation by serving as a resource for policymakers.** ASU delivers expertise and cutting edge ideas to national leaders and policy groups. The Office of National Policy Affairs represents ASU at the federal level and serves as the primary contact for Arizona's Congressional delegation in Washington.

# Arizona State University's presence in Washington, D.C. **amplifies** our institutional voice in national conversations.

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## Why Washington, D.C.?

Being in our nation's capital provides important, one-of-kind learning, teaching and research opportunities for ASU students and faculty, while highlighting ASU on an international platform. It spurs national engagement and innovative partnerships; facilitates ASU's participation in high-level idea exchanges; and expands the reach of our groundbreaking research.

## The ASU D.C. portfolio includes:

### Applied research and project management

- Driving national higher education innovation at scale to increase the number of students from all economic backgrounds who earn a college degree through ASU's participation in the University Innovation Alliance
- Managing international development projects for the U.S. Agency for International Development
- Building the Decision Theater Network, enabling policymakers to visualize solutions to complex problems
- Providing interconnected tools and techniques for anticipating and mitigating national security risks associated with climate change
- Advancing the ASU Global Security Initiative (GSI) to connect the defense, development and diplomacy communities to drive positive outcomes for complex global challenges
- Participating in NASA space missions with innovative instrumentation and scientific advancements that propel space exploration
- Facilitating a national conversation about what it means to be American with the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and ASU affiliate Zócalo Public Square

## Education opportunities

- Academy for Innovative Higher Education Leadership (in partnership with Georgetown University)
- ASU Continuing Education
- ASU Online
- Business and Public Policy Residency Program
- Capital Scholars Program
- Cronkite News Service in Washington
- D.C. Legal Externship Program
- Executive Master of Public Administration Program
- Futurography
- Global Rule of Law & Governance Program
- Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders
- McCain Institute for International Leadership Internship Program
- Next Generation Leaders Program
- Policy, Science, Technology & Society Scholars Program
- Science Diplomacy and Leadership Program
- Science Outside the Lab
- School of Social and Behavioral Sciences' Washington Internships
- Thunderbird Executive Education
- Washington Policy Design Studio

## Forums, workshops and debates

- CSPO's New Tools for Science Policy Seminars
- CSPO Conversations: Occasional Encounters in Science, Society and Policy
- Future Tense event series
- Center on the Future of War events
- McCain Institute's Debate and Decision Series
- McCain Institute's Human Trafficking Conversation Series
- McCain Institute's Leadership Voices
- National and Global Issues Forums

## Publications and online media

- *Issues in Science and Technology* (in partnership with the U.S. National Academies and University of Texas at Dallas)
- Future Tense channel on *Slate* magazine

## ASU Organizations and Partners

- The **Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes (CSPO)** in D.C. helps decision makers and institutions grapple with the power and complexity of science, technology and society by communicating knowledge and methods, educating students and decision makers, forming strategic partnerships, participating in science policy initiatives, and building a community of intellectuals and practitioners.

- ASU's **McCain Institute for International Leadership** is a non-partisan do-tank dedicated to advancing character-driven leadership based on security, economic opportunity, and human freedom and democracy.
- ASU and **New America**, one of the nation's leading interdisciplinary think tanks and civic enterprises, partner to understand problems and opportunities facing the U.S. Projects include **Future Tense**, an exploration of emerging technologies and their transformative effects, and the **Future of War**, an examination of the changing nature of war.

## Participation in national organizations, including:

### Higher Education

- American Council on Education
- Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities

- Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
- University Innovation Alliance

### Industry

- Commercial Spaceflight Federation
- Council on Competitiveness

### Global Engagement

- Society for International Development, Washington Chapter
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce - U.S. Israel Business Initiative
- U.S. Global Leadership Coalition

### Environment

- American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment
- National Council for Science and Environment
- Second Nature, Inc.

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Washington, D.C. is an international hub for key decision-making, and ASU is proud to join this community in bringing its academic and discovery strengths to bear on the **creation and application of new, transformative knowledge.**



“The biggest benefit of being [in Washington, D.C. is] learning from people who are in the field that you want to go into. You can talk to someone in advocacy, you can talk to someone in policy or someone who is working on the hill and learn... in a way that you couldn't if you were just at home.”

**Linnea Bennett**, senior, political science major

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“ASU faculty and students add depth and diversity to the McCain Institute’s staff. The reach back to ASU for expertise and research empowers the McCain Institute to tackle the toughest of issues facing the nation and the international community.”

**LTG Benjamin Freakley**, Retired, USA

Senior Advisor, McCain Institute for International Leadership  
and Professor of Practice, ASU School of Public Affairs

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“I can’t even describe how grateful I am that ASU provides this opportunity to its students and there are organizations like New America that are willing to come to this level and really reach out for our help and use it in a valuable way.”

**Alyssa Sims**, senior, business and global politics major and minor in Arabic studies

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“Students are not only getting jobs in D.C., many of them are getting fantastic jobs in D.C. Two former students whose D.C. externships I supervised have served on the Obama White House staff.”

**Orde Kittrie**, Professor of Law, ASU Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law

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