

## International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI) FAQ

### Applying

#### ***At what point in my career should I apply for this workshop?***

We welcome applications from both junior and senior scholars, including post-doctoral fellows, untenured faculty, and tenured faculty. A good time to apply is any stage in your career when you are seeking to acquire skills that can enhance your ability to make connections to policy communities and disseminate your work to audiences beyond academia.

#### ***Do you accept applications from scholars in disciplines or fields other than political science or international relations?***

Yes. We carefully consider every application we receive, including those from non-political scientists and non-IR specialists. It is important, however, that your work concern international issues.

#### ***I'm a doctoral student, but this program seems useful for my work. Can I apply?***

IPSI is designed for post-doctoral fellows and faculty members. Doctoral students should instead consider applying for a different Bridging the Gap program, the New Era Workshop. More information about the New Era Workshop can be found [here](#).

### Preparing for the workshop

#### ***How much does the conference cost? Is there financial assistance to travel to Washington?***

There is no charge for IPSI. Bridging the Gap will cover domestic travel to Washington, hotel accommodations and meals for all participants throughout the program. For participants based overseas, Bridging the Gap will subsidize travel costs up to a pre-determined amount. We will do our best to ensure that financial issues do not prevent participation.

#### ***How should I prepare for the conference? Will participants be required to present papers?***

Prior to the conference, we ask you to read several articles that we provide and to draft a short op-ed article or blog post based on research. (During the conference, you will receive feedback on your draft from other attendees.) In addition, you should come prepared for several days of thoughtful, engaging discussion with your cohort, as well as roundtable conversations with policy, publishing, and media professionals. There are no paper presentations at IPSI.

## Attending the workshop

### ***How much of the conference do I have to attend?***

Participants are expected to attend the entire IPSI program, including meals.

### ***What will we be doing?***

IPSI is designed to provide you with insights and skills that will help you make connections with members of the policy community and disseminate your research to audiences outside academia. The program features panel discussions with representatives of different parts of the foreign policy community, including the U.S. executive branch, Congress, the intelligence community, NGOs, and think tanks. The program also features panels with editors from policy journals and other media outlets, as well as public relations professionals. In addition to the panels, we spend time workshopping attendees' draft op-eds and blog posts, providing you with media training, and conducting and giving you feedback on a sample interview of you. Our agenda also includes meals and receptions, providing plenty of time for networking among attendees and Washington representatives of our alumni network.

### ***What happens after the workshop?***

You will be added to our growing network of BTG alumni. Through our mailing list you will hear policy-relevant funding and other opportunities, BTG receptions and events, and new BTG initiatives. Bridging the Gap staff will also share and promote your future work through our newsletter and social media.