

Program Requirements

We encourage member organizations to nominate representative visiting scholars whose research interests coincide with APARC's research agenda. Nominations from affiliate organizations are requested by February.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

Our program schedule mirrors the Stanford academic calendar, beginning in September and ending in June. Visiting scholars are required to be in residency during this time and be active participants in both program and center activities. To successfully maintain good standing in the program, regular attendance at designated activities is required. In addition to advancing their own projects, visiting scholars are encouraged to share their experience and knowledge to contribute to the center.

RESEARCH PROJECT

Each participant designs and conducts a research project throughout the academic year, submits progress summaries and a final report, and gives an oral presentation about the project to the APARC community.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Participants must have adequate command of English to make the most of their experience, as all communication and instruction are conducted in English. An official test score from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) of 89 or higher, or from an equivalent test, is required for admission. This requirement can be waived if the participant has earned an advanced degree at an English-speaking institution, or based on an interview with the program manager.

FEE

Organizations affiliated with the program pay an annual fee that covers basic research and administrative expenses of their representatives and supports program and center research and other activities.

ON-LEAVE POLICY

To take part in the Global Affiliates Program, participants must maintain ongoing affiliations with their sponsoring organizations and be on leave for the duration of their time at Stanford.



Become a Global Affiliate

Since its inception in 1982, the Global Affiliates Program at APARC has provided an avenue for organizations in Asia across the private and public sectors to benefit from enhanced access to the Stanford community and to the center's research on contemporary Asia. When you join the program, you become part of a worldwide network of leading academics and practitioners committed to addressing critical issues in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Global Affiliates Program



Partnering with organizations in Asia to develop global leaders



*"This program helped broaden my views by **thinking out-of-the-box** and **BIG**. Attending various events on global issues, technology, and innovation enriched my knowledge and enhanced my analytical thinking."*

Affiliate Benefits

Drawing on Stanford's strengths and APARC's expertise in policy-relevant, interdisciplinary research on contemporary Asia, we are uniquely positioned to advance entrepreneurial thinking and a global perspective among our Asia-based affiliates.

Visiting scholars have access to Stanford's research ecosystem and Silicon Valley's culture of innovation, enabling them to pursue independent research and build international networks. The program is particularly well suited for organizations seeking to cultivate globally minded leaders prepared to address the challenges of today's knowledge-driven economy.

Who Should Apply

This program is ideal for:

- Mid- to senior-level professionals from Asia-based organizations.
- Individuals with demonstrated leadership potential.
- Professionals seeking to deepen expertise in policy, research, or innovation.
- Organizations investing in globally oriented leadership development.



*"As part of the program, I have had many **opportunities** to learn more about Silicon Valley's business culture. This new knowledge will help me **develop my business and create a sustainable management system.**"*

About Us

The Global Affiliates Program (GAP) at Stanford University's Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (APARC) connects experts and leaders from the Asia-Pacific region with Stanford and Silicon Valley peers to advance U.S.-Asia partnerships. Through collaborations with public and private sector organizations, the program fosters dialogue, knowledge exchange, and long-term institutional ties that advance a shared understanding of affairs in Asia and U.S.-Asia relations.

Each year, affiliated organizations nominate a cohort of representatives to join APARC as visiting scholars, where they become part of a dynamic community focused on addressing the Asia-Pacific's critical challenges.

The Global Affiliates Program is not a degree-granting program.

Program Overview

The year-long GAP fellowship is an experience that balances structure with flexibility. As visiting scholars at Stanford, participants shape their learning journeys through seminars, conferences, Stanford courses, and collaborative discussions across the center and university, building connections with faculty, practitioners, and fellow scholars.

Embedded within APARC's community, GAP visiting scholars contribute to and benefit from ongoing research and dialogue, helping them expand their networks and enhance their leadership capacity.



The Visiting Scholar Experience

- **INTELLECTUAL RIGOR**
Conduct an individual research project on a topic relevant to your work.
- **MENTORSHIP**
Work under the direction of an assigned APARC advisor.
- **APARC EXPERTISE**
Interact with APARC scholars, participate in center-wide events and activities, and benefit from tailored program seminars and other learning opportunities.
- **THE STANFORD ADVANTAGE**
Audit Stanford courses, engage with Stanford scholars, attend campus events, and use the university's incredible resources.
- **GLOBAL PEER NETWORK**
Build lasting relationships with professionals from diverse sectors and countries.
- **CURATED EXPERIENCES**
Learn about the Silicon Valley innovation ecosystem and visit local companies, startups, investment firms, and government institutions.
- **SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CULTURE**
Explore the array of opportunities the Bay Area offers, including arts, dining, and outdoor activities.
- **ALUMNI NETWORK ACROSS ASIA**
Join a community of 500+ alumni in leadership roles across Asia and beyond.