

Hello Future Global Security Leaders!

My name is Ellen K. Tannor and I am the Executive Director of the U.S. Department of State's [Overseas Security Advisory Council \(OSAC\)](#). OSAC is the Department of State's largest public/private partnership consisting of over 23,000 global members, 6000 U.S. organizations, operating in 150 countries around the world. Each year OSAC convenes to host the Department's largest event of the year bringing in well over 1,200 private sector global security professionals and executives from across industry, faith based, NGO and academia community to discuss current and emerging security threats that affect U.S. organizations operating abroad (Russian invasion to Ukraine, climate change, evacuations, economic espionage, cyber threats, etc). On behalf of OSAC, I would like to formally invite motivated students interested in Global Security, Intelligence, and International Affairs to apply to attend the [2023 OSAC Annual Briefing](#), one of the most celebrated security community events of the year.



In 2021, we were honored to feature former Secretary of State and Special Envoy for Climate Change John Kerry as the keynote speaker and had over 1,600 guests from 69 different countries participate. In 2022 we were honored and delighted to have UN Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield as the keynote speaker as well as virtual remarks by Secretary of State Antony Blinken. This year, we are most pleased that NBC Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent Andrea Mitchell is one of our esteemed keynote speakers as well as Ukrainian Ambassador to the U.S Oksana Markarova, who will discuss the situation in Ukraine.

The OSAC Annual Briefing will be held on November 15-16 at the U.S. Department of State Headquarters and provides a unique opportunity for young professionals to connect with security experts from both the public and private sectors to share information and maintain strong bonds for the protection of U.S. interests overseas. In addition to the keynote addresses, we will have several sessions that will explore the impact of emerging threats, review lessons learned from recent global events, share information on risk mitigation and management, and more.

In order to apply [HERE](#), you must be a U.S. citizen (or legal permanent resident) and a currently enrolled junior, senior, or graduate student in college. At OSAC, we recognize the importance of fostering a diverse and inclusive community to better address the complex challenges in the field of international security and thus welcome the application of members from historically underrepresented groups in the international security field, particularly those from ethnic, racial, religious, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, socio-economic, and geographic diversities.

Please note that space is limited so not all applicants will be able to attend. The application will close on **October 14, 11:59 pm EST**, and participants must respond confirming their acceptance within 48 hours of notification. This is not a hiring or recruitment event and unfortunately, travel and lodging will not be funded. Please [let us know](#) if you have any questions!

We appreciate your consideration and hope to see you this November!



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