



Mission

The Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations (DCFR) is a nonpartisan membership community supporting DFW's leaders in international relations and commerce. Through our activities, the collective membership fosters a greater understanding of international issues enabling members to better succeed in today's global geopolitical and economic environment.

Fellow Fact Sheet

The Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations is the only foreign policy organization in North Texas that ensures presentations are “not for attribution to the speaker or the organization nor for publication”. The DCFR seeks to advance dialogue and serve as a resource on policy matters of global significance.

Founded in 1987, as a non-profit Fellow organization, DCFR promotes knowledge of global affairs and a deeper understanding of the people and events impacting important policy choices. DCFR is comprised of senior business and community leaders who are important to the future of North Texas as a thriving international center.

Strategically, DCFR devotes all its available resources to:

- Presenting programs with prestigious speakers that serve Fellows by expanding knowledge and facilitating frank discussion of relevant geopolitical issues.
- Providing opportunities for interaction, questions, and further discussion with experts in their field.
- Offer Fellows a forum to meet and connect with other DCFR Fellows who share similar interests.

Originally an affiliate of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, DCFR is now the premier organization of its kind in North Texas. DCFR and its Fellows have become highly visible and respected in this increasingly important international market.

Since its founding, DCFR has enjoyed a wealth of distinguished speakers including heads of state, cabinet ministers, legislators, ambassadors, business leaders, and distinguished scholars and policy analysts. DCFR offers Fellows programs that range from international politics to economic issues. Our programs are typically a seated meal with speaker remarks and followed by a Q/A session with the audience. They take place in environments that fosters further discussions and interaction.

DCFR typically does not engage in public discussions, believing that the most productive talks are conducted off the record and according to the Chatham House Rule. Fellows are reminded that they may not attribute remarks to a speaker or other Fellow or to the organization.



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Fellow Guideline Overview

DCFR's Fellows are elected based on their demonstrated active and informed interest in foreign policy, international affairs, and international business. Current Fellows submit semi-annual nominations to the Fellow Committee, who in turn pass recommendations to the Board of Directors. Accepted candidates are invited to join and pay annual dues as well as assist with hosting programs every two to three years. Fellowship is not transferable within companies or organizations.

The Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, or political affiliation.

Fellow Responsibilities

Payment of annual dues

Fellows pay dues at the beginning of each calendar year. Dues are used for operating expenses only.

Commitment to host programs

DCFR operates on the host model, with Fellows sponsoring or co-sponsoring a program by underwriting the cost of the program every 2-3 years. Fellows may co-sponsor a program with another member. Every effort is made to match Fellows with speakers based on specific interests and expertise. Donations can also be made to the Founders' Society for program sponsorships.

Individual Fellow Values

- DCFR is largest of the councils operating under the Committee on Foreign Relations umbrellas; access to many high-quality speakers through this relationship
- Strong history of identifying speakers with unique insight and international reach
- Collegiality that results from selection process for Fellow
- Time for interaction with thoughtful, engaging speakers and Fellows
- Business model funded via annual dues and sponsorships; avoiding pay at the door
- Criteria that seeks high level Fellow engaged in international matters and thoughtful dialogue
- Founders and Fellows well-respected community, business and civic leaders
- Chatham House Rule provide candid speaker discussion with Fellow
- Fellows and their companies have opportunity for enhanced visibility via sponsorship of programs
- High quality local and regional programming



Fellow Nominations and Selection Process

The Board of Directors and its Fellow Committee of the Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations review and vote on Fellow nominations semi-annually.

If you would like to recommend an individual for Fellow, please refer to the guidelines and submit a complete nomination packet to:

Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations
12900 Preston Road, Suite 1210
Dallas, Texas 75230
Office: (214) 363-3284
Email: d CFR@dallas CFR.org

Current Fellow Level

Fellow: \$800.00 annually

Candidates for full Fellow should be local leaders in their fields who have demonstrated experience and expertise in international affairs and are important to the development of North Texas as an international center. They should be able to contribute meaningfully to the life of DCFR and to fulfill the responsibilities of paying annual dues and hosting programs.

As we wish to keep the size of DCFR relatively small, and the caliber of our Fellows high, the Fellow Committee and Board of Directors may decline to accept several candidates per round. It is inevitable that some candidates will appear before the Fellow Committee more than once or not be offered Fellow at all. Fellows should prepare their candidates for this possibility.