

Volunteer Opportunity: Programs Manager

Build the next generation of leaders.

About the Forum

[The Security and Democracy Forum](https://www.securityanddemocracy.org) is an independent, nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to advancing peace, principled security, and democratic resilience. We publish original research and commentary, cultivate emerging leaders, and convene honest dialogue on the role of security in a free society.

What We're Looking For

We're seeking a creative and mission-oriented Programs Manager to help lead the implementation of the Forum's flagship initiatives—including the Founders' Fellowship, policy workshops, and civic education offerings. This is an ideal role for someone with a background in public affairs, nonprofit programs, or education who wants to design meaningful experiences.

Key Responsibilities

- Support the Founders' Fellowship: outreach, selection, logistics
- Coordinate events, trainings, and future workshops
- Track participant engagement and feedback
- Help grow partnerships with schools, policy networks, and civic organizations
- Work with the Executive Director to develop new program ideas

What You'll Gain

- Experience designing and managing values-driven policy programs
- A leadership role in a fast-growing nonprofit
- Exposure to networks in national security, democracy, and public service
- A portfolio of programming accomplishments

Time Commitment

Flexible—estimated 3–5 hours per week, depending on availability and goals. This is a volunteer role, though there may be future potential for stipends or paid engagement as the Forum grows.

Who You Are

- Strong planner and communicator with a passion for civic leadership
- Familiar with national security, democracy, or policy education spaces
- Comfortable taking initiative and working independently

To Apply

Email graham@securityanddemocracy.org with a brief note about your interest, a resume or LinkedIn profile, and (if possible) one or two writing or communications samples.