Since 1957, a cohort of mid-career executives has been selected as Fellows in the Stanford MSx Program, spending one year in residence at Stanford Graduate School of Business as they prepare for senior roles in industry and government. Our Fellows have become chief executives of global companies, prominent entrepreneurs, policymakers, financiers, and social innovators. The program today continues to excel as a transformative graduate experience to equip promising leaders from diverse backgrounds with the skills they need to take ideas—within large organizations or in an entrepreneurial environment—to the next level.

Class of 2014 Profile

- **83 Fellows**
- **67% Non-U.S.**
- **47% Advanced degrees**
- **33% Employer-sponsored**
- **20% Women**
- **12 Average years of work experience**

It truly was a life-changing experience. My patterns of thinking and the tools that I have at my disposal to drive positive change have been magnified in powerful ways.

– Jared Thompson, MS ’13 Raytheon

**The Art and Science of Leadership**

The Stanford MSx program will deepen students’ understanding of the disciplines required of a general manager by offering opportunities to reflect on habits developed as a young manager and to test new patterns of thought and behavior. Various methods are used, including assessments, executive modules, coaching, study trips, and active opportunities to “lead by doing,” including team-based projects, peer leadership roles, and interacting with senior leaders throughout the year.

In addition, small class sizes allow for both vibrant discussion and substantial interaction with faculty. A flexible teaching methodology empowers faculty members to select the approach that’s right for the subject and for the Fellows.
Innovation in Our DNA

Stanford Graduate School of Business has built a global reputation based on its innovative management programs, each of which creates a transformative experience that empowers individuals to find new ways to change lives, change organizations, and change the world.

Fellows also have the opportunity to take full advantage of the resources and environment at Stanford University, which draws on the energy of Silicon Valley to create an environment where students learn not to be afraid of failure but to embrace new ideas and strengthen the institution’s reputation as a catalyst for change.

“Being in this academic environment exposes you to a group of people who are more self-motivated and focused on making the most out of the year. People put in the effort to get to know each other and embrace how others’ perspectives are different.”
– Sten Tamkivi, MS ’13
Skype

A Global Community That Lasts a Lifetime

Fellows in the Stanford MSx Program are a global group of accomplished leaders who bring distinct perspectives on all aspects of business and leadership to both classroom and informal discussions. In addition, their average of 12 years of experience distinguishes them from most MBA students, who typically have 3 to 4 years of work experience.

Student life is unique. Fellows live and study together, creating a challenging intellectual community that thrives long after their time on campus is over. Because most Fellows already are established in both their careers and their lives, their partners and families often come to campus with them and are an integral part of the MSx community as well.