RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building.**This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification:*In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)

Travel Dates:
08/10/2026 to 08/13/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$716.65	$576.00	$281.00	$200.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

8/20/26
Date

Sydney Hess
Printed Name of Traveler

Sydney Hess
Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

8/20/26
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

(●) Yes ( ) No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Transportation	$716.65	Roundtrip economy airfare ended up being slightly less expensive than we initially planned.
Misc. Expenses	$142.24	Ground transportation costs ended up being lower.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

( ) Yes (●) No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

( ) Yes (●) No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.



Stanford University
Human-Centered
Artificial Intelligence

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Dear Sydney,

On behalf of the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI), I am pleased to welcome you to the Stanford HAI Congressional Boot Camp on Artificial Intelligence which will take place August 10-12, 2026 at Stanford University.

Emerging digital technologies will be among the most consequential forces of the 21st century: they will transform economies, challenge legal and political norms, and reconfigure society. Further, we understand the vital role Congressional staff play in shaping and developing policy on critical technology areas such as artificial intelligence (AI). Rapid advancements in AI make it challenging for many to keep up with a quickly evolving field. That is why the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI (HAI) specifically designed the Congressional Boot Camp on Artificial Intelligence to explore the latest in AI developments, equipping participants with the comprehensive knowledge needed to think critically about regulating and governing this emerging technology.

The bicameral, bipartisan Boot Camp consists of many sessions unpacking how to mitigate AI risk, understanding and regulating foundation models, and the impact of AI on healthcare, education, climate, and online harm. It also includes visits to important sites on the Stanford campus contributing to our university-wide research mission on AI. Each session will feature world-class scholars from Stanford University, leaders from Silicon Valley, and pioneers from civil society organizations.

Please do not forget to **submit your ethics forms by Monday, July 13th and alert HAI's policy program manager (dkspence@stanford.edu) that you have done so**. In the meantime, please mark your calendar and contact Drew if you have any questions. We will be booking your roundtrip airfare in the coming days and also reserving a room for you at the Sheraton Palo Alto for three nights (August 10-12th). We look forward to welcoming you to Stanford this August.

Sincerely,

Elena Cryst
Director of Policy & Society
Stanford HAI

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp
7/9/26

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
SYDNEY HESS

Employing Office/Committee:
KELLY, MARK

Private Sponsor(s):
Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)

Destination(s):
Palo Alto, California

Travel Dates:
08/10/2026 to 08/13/2026
NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

This trip is directly connected to my official duties because I serve on Senator Kelly's AI team and work on AI policy issues. The Stanford HAI Congressional Boot Camp is designed specifically for Congressional staff to build knowledge on AI developments, regulation, governance, AI risk, foundation models, and sector-specific impacts, all of which directly support my work advising on and developing AI-related policy.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

7/9/26
Date

Sydney Hess
Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I Senator Mark Kelly
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Sydney Hess
(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

[X] (signify "yes" by checking box)

7/9/26
Date

Mark Kelly
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI): 2026 Stanford HAI Congressional Boot Camp on AI

Sydney Hess

Title:
Legislative Assistant

Employing Office/Committee:
KELLY, MARK

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Palo Alto, California

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
(●) Yes ( ) No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address
353 Jane Stanford Way

Address 2 (Optional)

City, State Zip
Stanford, California 94305 United States

Phone Number
415-617-5389

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

Stanford University has hosted technology related boot camps since 2014 for congressional staff. Past boot camps focused on AI and cybersecurity and featured speakers including Stanford faculty.

Educational Activities

Stanford University is a 501(C)3 and one of the world's leading research and teaching institutions. Stanford University is the sole sponsor of the trip. Stanford will be providing the lodging, venue, and meals as part of the boot camp and will be designing and organizing all the sessions for the boot camp.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI (HAI) designed the Congressional Boot Camp on AI to equip staffers with the knowledge needed to think critically about tech policy.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

Stanford University seeks to promote the public welfare by exercising an influence on behalf of humanity through teaching and rigorous scholarship. Through briefings and learning engagements, Stanford faculty will provide congressional staff with the knowledge needed to think critically on tech policy.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- [x] The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- [x] The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

- [ ] The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

- Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
08/10/2026 @ 06:30 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
08/13/2026 @ 04:56 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,000.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$1,000.00

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $576.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/10/2026	08/13/2026	Sheraton Palo Alto	Palo Alto	California	United States	3	$192.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $281.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/10/2026	$0.00	$26.00	$38.00	$5.00	**$69.00**	Stanford	California	United States	No
08/11/2026	$23.00	$26.00	$38.00	$5.00	**$92.00**	Stanford	California	United States	No
08/12/2026	$23.00	$26.00	$38.00	$5.00	**$92.00**	Stanford	California	United States	No
08/13/2026	$23.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5.00	**$28.00**	Stanford	California	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $200.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Ground Transportation)	$200.00	

Additional Attachments

Document Name
There are no additional attachments.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: **Stanford HAI Congressional Boot Camp on AI**

Travel Date(s): **August 10 - 13, 2026**

Travel Destination(s): **Stanford, CA**

Sponsor: **Stanford University**

Russell Wald (*printed name of sponsor representative*)

Executive Director (*title*)

(signature of sponsor representative)

June 30, 2026
(*date*)

2026 Stanford HAI Congressional Boot Camp on AI
List of Invited Participants - U.S. Senate

First Name	Last Name	Office
Daniel	Park	Office of Sen. Josh Hawley
Jennifer	Piatt	Office of Sen. Chris Murphy
Joel	Burke	Office of Sen. Mike Rounds
Brandon	Gindt	Office of Sen. Ted Cruz
Clint	Trocchio	Senate Committee on Appropriations
Leah	Li	Office of Sen. Brian Schatz
Sydney	Hess	Office of Sen. Mark Kelly
Talia	Katz	Office of Sen. Dave McCormick
Michael	Harris	Office of Sen. Adam Schiff
Samantha	Ondrade	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Zach	Vega	Senate Republican Policy Committee
Nicholas	Alexander	Office of Sen. Rand Paul

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Stanford HAI Congressional Boot Camp on Artificial Intelligence Final Syllabus

August 10-13, 2026

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

Time	Agenda Item
7:00 am	*Flight Departure from D.C. (UA 1095, IAD→SFO)*
9:15 am	*Flight Arrival to SFO*
9:15-11:00 am	*Travel to campus*
11:00 am	*Program Commences*
11:10-11:15 am	**Welcome & Introduction** *Session Description: Stanford HAI staff will welcome congressional staffers to campus and provide an overview of why the boot camp was created and what Stanford HAI hopes for participants to gain through the educational program.* **Speakers:** • Elena Cryst, Director of Policy and Society, Stanford HAI
11:15 am -12:15 pm	**Session 1:** ***A Call for Human-Centered AI*** *Session Description: User-centered design integrates techniques that consider the needs and abilities of end users, while also improving designs through iterative user testing. Community-centered design engages communities in the early stages of design through participatory techniques. Societally-centered design forecasts and mediates potential impacts on a societal level throughout a project. Successful Human-Centered AI requires the early engagement of multidisciplinary teams beyond technologists, including experts in design, the social sciences and humanities, and domains of interest such as medicine or law, as well as community members.*

	Speakers: • James Landay, Anand Rajaraman and Venky Harinarayan Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Denning Director and Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI
12:15-1:15 pm	**Session 2:** ***The Fuel of AI: Data (and Its Perils)*** *Session Description: Contemporary AI technologies run on data, but AI developers face significant obstacles in acquiring and cleaning data. In addition, developers must do their best to ensure data's inherent biases (and their non-obvious proxies) are accounted for in their AI systems. Moreover, different social values around privacy, data ownership, and data creation impact what AI technologies are possible. This session will dive into how the data policies developed today will shape the technologies of tomorrow.* **Speakers:** • Jennifer King, Privacy and Data Policy Fellow, Stanford HAI • James Zou, Associate Professor of Biomedical Data Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • *Moderator*: Alex Spangher, Post-doctoral Student, Stanford University
1:15-1:45 pm	*Break*
1:45-2:45 pm	**Session 3:** ***The Role of Compute and Chips*** *Session Description: This session highlights how computational power directly influences the capabilities and efficiency of AI systems, impacting everything from machine learning model training times to the sophistication of AI applications. Policymakers are introduced to key concepts such as the high-performance computing chips, trade-offs between computational demands and energy consumption, and the strategic importance of compute in national competitiveness in AI.* **Speakers:** • Azalia Mirhoseini, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University • H.-S. Philip Wong, Willard R. and Inez Kerr Bell Professor of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University • *Moderator*: Drew Spence, Policy Program Manager, Stanford HAI

2:45-3:45 pm	**Session 4:** ***Mitigating Risk: Implementing Safe & Robust AI*** *Session Description: The consequences of deploying robust AI and decision-making technologies in safety-critical systems such as driverless vehicles and autonomous aircraft are enormous. Challenges for AI developers range from biased inputs, constantly evolving conditions, and explainability issues, among others. This session will discuss the obstacles developers face as well as the difficult—and often politically fraught—decisions they make around operational efficiency and how they define acceptable risk parameters.* **Speakers:** • Mykel Kochenderfer, Associate Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics and, by courtesy, of Computer Science, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI • Sanmi Koyejo, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • *Moderator*: Tracy Navichoque, Program Manager for AI & Society, Stanford HAI
3:45-4:00 pm	*Break*
4:00-5:00 pm	**Session 5:** ***The Governance of AI*** *Session Description: Governments around the world are exploring governance initiatives regarding the ethical and responsible deployment of AI. From institutes focused on building-up government capacity to evaluate AI to laws that seek to place guardrails around model development, policymakers are experimenting with different approaches to regulating AI. This session analyzes the evolving landscape of regulations, guidelines, and best practices and provides insights into key considerations for effective governance.* **Speakers:** • Rishi Bommasani, Research Scholar, Stanford HAI • Deborah Raji, Research Scholar, UC Berkeley • Rob Reich, McGregor-Girand Professor of Social Ethics of Science and Technology, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI • *Moderator:* Daniel Zhang, Chief of Staff, Stanford HAI
5:00-7:30 pm	**Dinner Keynote** ***AI, Automation, and the Future of Work*** *Session Description: AI and automation will have a rippling effect on today's workforce and the future of work. Mainstream narratives forecast AI will displace*

	workers and funnel profits up to a select few. Alternatively, AI has the potential to augment and supercharge labor, ensuring the benefits of AI are spread and enjoyed widely. This session dives into deeper detail regarding what exactly we should expect as AI and automation integrate into the economy and the subsequent consequences for the workforce. The speaker will also discuss how policies can reshape and guide what the future holds. **Speakers:** • Erik Brynjolfsson, Jerry Yang and Akiko Yamazaki Professor and Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI; Director, Stanford Digital Economy Lab; Ralph Landau Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
7:30 pm	*Bus pickup at Gates → hotel*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

Time	Agenda Item
8:15 am	*Bus pickup at hotel → Gates*
8:45-9:00 am	**Breakfast/Debrief** *Session Description: Stanford HAI staff will lead a discussion debriefing the key concepts that staffers learned in earlier sessions. They will also offer a preview of Day 2 and leave ample time for questions.*
9:00-10:00 am	**Session 1:** ***Transforming Healthcare Through Innovation*** *Session Description: Some of the most exciting advances of this technological wave are focused on healthcare: faster and better diagnoses, enhanced therapies, increased hospital standards which reduce patient harms, and protein folding which has the potential to cure debilitating diseases. Healthcare is on the cusp of a revolution that will advance human well-being. At the same time, the United States faces an incredible shortage of qualified healthcare workers, lacks proper evaluation of medical devices, and struggles with unclear liability risk/clinician responsibility. These mounting challenges raise the question, can AI help "save" the U.S. healthcare system? This session will highlight the coming changes in healthcare, the opportunities and risks AI presents, and how policies can ensure safe and robust health systems.* **Speakers:** • Curtis Langlotz, Senior Associate Vice Provost for Research, Professor of Radiology, of Medicine, and of Biomedical Data Science, Stanford University; Director, Center for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and Imaging; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI • Michelle Mello, Professor of Law and Health Policy, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • Nigam Shah, Professor of Medicine (Biomedical Informatics) and of Biomedical Data Science, Stanford University; Chief Data Scientist, Stanford Health Care; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • *Moderator:* Caroline Meinhardt, Policy Research Manager, Stanford HAI
10:00-10:05 am	*Walk to Robotics Center*
10:05-11:00 am	**Stanford Robotics Center Visit**

	Session Description: This session offers a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the latest advancements in robotics research and development. Participants will learn the history of automation, explore innovative applications of robotics in various fields, from healthcare to autonomous systems, engage demonstrations, and understand their potential impact on society. **Speaker:** • Allison Okamura, Richard W. Weiland Professor of Engineering, and, by courtesy, of Computer Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI
11:00 - 11:15 am	*Walk back to Gates*
11:15 - 12:15 pm	**Session 2:** ***AI in Motion: Role of Robotics in the Next Chapter of AI Development*** *Session Description: As AI systems grow more advanced, their integration with robotics opens up new possibilities for how machines perceive, navigate, and act within the physical world. While large language models have accelerated progress in AI, embodied AI offers the potential to embed this intelligence into our daily lives in transformative ways. Could AI-powered robotics expand access to healthcare? Will autonomous vehicles fundamentally reshape our transportation systems? This session will explore the pivotal intersection of AI and robotics and examine the far-reaching implications across a range of policy domains.* **Speakers:** • Monroe Kennedy, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • Allison Okamura, Richard W. Weiland Professor of Engineering, and, by courtesy, of Computer Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • *Moderator:* Drew Spence, Policy Program Manager, Stanford HAI
12:15-1:30 pm	*Lunch Break*
1:30 - 2:30pm	**Session 3:** ***Revolutionizing the Classroom: How AI Is Advancing Education*** *Session Description: AI has the potential to dramatically improve education. From teacher support to personalized student engagement, AI could democratize extraordinary teaching and learning. But dangers and concerns loom. Collecting data from children raises privacy concerns, and current inequities in the education system might be exacerbated by the introduction of AI. This session*

	will look into how AI can be leveraged to improve the education system without causing harm to teachers and students. **Speakers:** • Emma Brunskill, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • Victor Lee, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education, Stanford University; Faculty Lead, Stanford Accelerator for Learning Initiative on AI and Education; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • *Moderator:* Isabelle Hau, Executive Director, Stanford Accelerator for Learning
2:30 pm-3:30 pm	**Session 4:** ***Modernizing a Mammoth: Use-Cases of Public Sector AI*** *Session Description: The U.S. government is in great need of a technological upgrade. From streamlining administrative processes to providing personalized services to constituents, there is ample opportunity for AI to help government agencies achieve their missions. However, integrating AI into the government is not as easy as obtaining and deploying the technology. Talent, infrastructure, public trust, and morale play equally important roles in ensuring the successful modernization of government. This session will dive into current use-cases of AI in government, the challenges and successes of these cases, and how to improve the integration of new technologies that will help the government serve its citizens.* **Speaker:** • Daniel Ho, William Benjamin Scott and Luna M. Scott Professor of Law, Stanford Law School; Director, Stanford Regulation, Evaluation, and Governance Lab; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI
3:30 - 4:00 pm	*Walk to Li Ka Shing*
4:00-5:00 pm	**Session 5:** ***The Role of Business: Policy Implications of Industry Leadership in AI*** *Session Description: Silicon Valley, which is home to venture capital, startups, and leading tech firms, is a global center of tech innovation. From the startup lab to the boardrooms of major companies, this session will bring together startup founders and tech executives to map out Silicon Valley's innovation ecosystem, discuss its vibrancy, and critically think about the consequences of AI developments on society. Panelists will offer their perspectives on starting, funding, and running successful companies as well as providing counsel to*

	companies on ensuring ethical business practices. **Introduction:** • Elena Cryst, Director of Policy and Society, Stanford HAI **Speakers:** • Sarah Guo, Founder and Managing Partner, Conviction • Matt Perault, Head of AI Policy, Andreessen Horowitz • Andy Song, Special Advisor, Google DeepMind • *Moderator*: Vanessa Parli, Managing Director of Programs and External Engagement, Stanford HAI
5:00-6:00 pm	**Reception**
6:00-7:30 pm	**Dinner & Fireside Chat** ***The New American Industrial Era: Charting a New Age of U.S.-led Innovation*** *Session Description: . The discussion will examine how government, academia, the private sector, and civil society can collectively shape the future of AI, and how today's policy decisions may chart the course for innovation in the years ahead.* **Introduction:** • James Landay, Anand Rajaraman and Venky Harinarayan Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Denning Director and Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI **Fireside Chat:** • Jensen Huang, Founder, President & Chief Executive Officer, NVIDIA • Fei-Fei Li, Sequoia Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Founding Director, Stanford HAI • Condoleezza Rice, Tad and Dianne Taube Director, Hoover Institution; Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy, Stanford Graduate School of Business; Advisory Council Member, Stanford HAI • *Moderator*: Russell Wald, Executive Director, Stanford HAI
7:30 pm	*Bus pickup at Li Ka Shing → hotel*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

Time	Agenda Item
8:00 am	*Bus pickup at hotel → SLAC*
8:30-9:00 am	**Breakfast/Debrief** *Session Description: Stanford HAI staff will lead a discussion debriefing the key concepts that staffers learned in earlier sessions. They will also offer a preview of Day 2 and leave ample time for questions.*
9:00 -10:00 am	**SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory Visit** *Session Description: This session provides participants with a hands-on opportunity to see how researchers at a premier national laboratory on the Stanford campus are using technology to further scientific discovery. The visit will include stops at multiple key SLAC facilities where materials and methods are being developed to make advances across physics, chemistry, biology, and medicine.* **Speaker:** • Alberto Salleo, Deputy Director for Science & Technology and Chief Research Officer, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory
10:00 - 10:30 am	*Bus from SLAC → Gates*
10:30 -11:30 am	**Session 1:** ***Unlocking Scientific Discovery: AI's Potential to Accelerate Breakthroughs*** *Session Description: AI is poised to fundamentally reshape the way scientific research is conducted—from predicting protein structures and modeling climate systems to uncovering new materials and advancing quantum research. Building on the SLAC facility tour, this session will highlight how AI is being applied across disciplines such as physics, chemistry, biology, and cosmology. Speakers will explore how these tools are accelerating the pace of discovery, enabling more precise experimentation, and opening new frontiers in our understanding of the natural world. Participants will gain insight into the transformative potential of AI to fuel the next era of scientific breakthroughs.* **Speakers:**

	• Russ Altman, Kenneth Fong Professor and Professor of Bioengineering, of Genetics, of Medicine, of Biomedical Data Science, Stanford University; Associate Director, Stanford HAI • Ramesh Johari, Professor of Management Science and Engineering and, by courtesy, of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • *Moderator*: Elena Cryst, Director of Policy & Society, Stanford HAI
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	**Session 2:** ***Powering AI: Meeting the Energy Demands Needed for Frontier AI*** *Session Description: AI continues to increasingly rely on compute power which is an incredibly energy-intensive resource. There is mounting concern around AI's environmental impact, drawing attention to the cost-benefit analysis of AI advancements. However, could it be possible for us to find ways to power AI research more efficiently? Could technological advances in energy storage and transmission help reduce the intense energy demands that frontier research currently requires? This session will unpack the realities of AI's energy needs and how we can develop technology more responsibly in the future.* **Speakers:** • William Chueh, Director, Precourt Institute for Energy; Kimmelman Professor, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, of Energy Science and Engineering, of Photon Science, Stanford University • Liang Min, Managing Director, Bitts & Watts Initiative, Precourt Institute for Energy
12:30-1:00 pm	*Lunch Break*
1:00 - 2:30 pm	**Session 3:** ***AI and National Security: Strategic Competition Lessons for the United States*** *Session Description: AI is introducing new opportunities to strengthen U.S. intelligence and national security capabilities. However, it is crucial for policymakers to grasp the inner workings of both the U.S. national security framework and AI technologies to leverage these advancements effectively. Modern espionage, for example, is more pervasive yet less understood than ever, leading to misinformation and policy missteps. This session will separate fact from fiction as panelists discuss the past, present, and future of American espionage and how AI is creating an adapt-or-fail moment for international security and U.S. intelligence.*

	Speakers: • Yejin Choi, Dieter Schwarz Foundation Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI • Colin Kahl, Senior Fellow, Stanford Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies; Professor, by courtesy, of Political Science, Stanford University • Amy Zegart, Morris Arnold and Nona Jean Cox Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution; Senior Fellow, Stanford Freeman Spogli Institute of International Studies; Senior Fellow and Associate Director, Stanford HAI • *Moderator*: Brad Boyd, Senior Advisor and Founder, The Future of Decision-making Project; Senior Military Fellow, The Gordian Knot Center (GKC), Stanford University
2:30 -3:30 pm	**Session 4:** ***Updating the Law in the Age of AI*** *Session Description: Tech policymaking has long been faced with the challenge of using old legal frameworks to regulate new technologies. Now, AI has the potential to supercharge that problem. How do we take legal frameworks written before the internet was invented and make them relevant in the AI era. This panel will explore how we should think about evolving legal structures to respond to unprecedented new emerging technologies.* **Speakers:** • Nathaniel Persily, James B. McClatchy Professor of Law, Stanford Law School; Co-Director of the Stanford Law AI Initiative; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • Riana Pfefferkorn, Policy Fellow, Stanford HAI • *Moderator*: Irene Liu, Executive Director, Stanford Law AI Initiative
3:30 - 4:00 pm	*Break*
4:00 - 5:00 pm	**Session 5:** ***Agents on the Rise: Exploring Agentic AI*** *Session Description: What if AI could act on our behalf to make our travel arrangements, order our prescription refills, or take care of a variety of other tedious daily tasks? AI agents represent the promise of AI to enhance productivity and reduce friction in our daily routines. Yet, this emerging capability also raises concerns around labor disruption, security vulnerabilities, and delegation of control. This session will examine how agentic AI works, how rapidly the technology is evolving, and what it might mean for the economy, the workforce, and society at large.*

	Speakers: • Alex "Sandy" Pentland, Toshiba Professor of Media Arts and Science, Professor, Information Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Center Fellow, Stanford HAI • Diyi Yang, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • *Moderator*: Andy Zhang, Graduate Student Fellow, Stanford Regulation, Evaluation, and Governance Lab, Stanford University
5:00 - 5:15 pm	*Break*
5:15 - 7:30 pm	**Closing Fireside Chat** ***Cutting Edge: AI Developments that are Steering the Future*** *Session Description: The rapid advancements in AI in recent years have shocked the world. From models generating realistic images from scratch to ambient technologies that enhance the human condition, the possibilities of what AI can do for humanity are endless. Understanding today's cutting-edge AI will help steer tomorrow's innovation. This session will dive into what is on the horizon of AI advancements and how these technologies can be leveraged to benefit society.* **Speakers:** • Mariano-Florentino "Tino" Cuéllar, Sara Miller McCune Director, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS); Shriram Family Director, Knight-Hennessy Scholars (KHS); Advisory Council Member, Stanford HAI • John Hennessy, President Emeritus, James F. and Mary Lynn Gibbons Professor and Professor of Electrical Engineering and of Computer Science, Stanford University; Advisory Council Co-Chair, Stanford HAI • *Moderator*: Elena Cryst, Director of Policy & Society, Stanford HAI
7:30 pm	*Bus pickup at Gates → hotel*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026

Time	Agenda Item
~6:30 am (TBD will confirm exact time)	*Shuttle Leaves Hotel to SFO Airport*
8:35 am	*Flight Departure from San Francisco (UA 1678, SFO→DCA)*
4:56 pm	*Flight Arrival to DCA*