



Baran Cansever is a first generation Turkish-American from Boston, Massachusetts. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and International Relations from Clark University and his academic interests include international trade regimes and democratic backslide.

Throughout his undergraduate education, Baran sought to gain professional experience through summer internships in Washington, DC. He was able to pursue this by applying for and consistently obtaining fellowship funding. Organizations that Baran interned for include the American Turkish Council, US House of Representatives, and Sidar Global Advisors.

Following graduation, Baran worked as a researcher for the Washington Representative Office of the Turkish Industry and Business Association (TUSIAD), an independent, non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting public welfare through private enterprise. While at TUSIAD, Baran developed policy recommendations to strengthen US-Turkish relations, as well as upholding democratic norms and rule of law within Turkey. He is particularly proud of his work in the organization's efforts to promote Turkey's inclusion in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

Most recently, Baran worked for Fidelity Investments, helping clients navigate trade equity markets. This experience gave him a deep appreciation for the importance of finance within the international economic system and allowed him to develop outstanding interpersonal skills.

At SAIS, Baran intends to concentrate in European and Eurasian Studies to prepare for a career in the field of foreign affairs. In particular, he would like to work for the US State Department, focusing on issues concerning Turkey's internal stability and democratic credentials.

Beyond his academic and professional interests, Baran enjoys playing soccer, cooking, and listening to podcasts.

Baran speaks English fluently and has a good command of Turkish.