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The C. Spencer Abbot Leadership Award

Family, friends, and alumni are joining together to create an endowed internship to honor U.S. Navy CAPT Charles Spencer Abbot F97, F10.

The C. Spencer Abbot Leadership Award will support a deserving and current Fletcher student interested in pursuing an internship falling into one or more of the following categories: (1) U.S.-Japan relations, (2) the intersection of military and humanitarian affairs, including development or disaster relief, and/or (3) global security policy issues cutting across military, humanitarian, and business fields. The funds may be used for activities or programs in the United States or abroad.

We ask for your support in creating this important fund to honor Spencer's legacy. Our collective goal will be to raise a minimum of \$75,000 to endow the internship.

To support this effort, please donate here: [Give to Fletcher](#). When on the online donation page, select 'Other' as the designation and enter *The C. Spencer Abbot Leadership Award* in the 'Other' field. Please contact Georgia Koumoundouros, Director of Development, with questions: Georgia.Koumoundouros@tufts.edu.

Should the \$75,000 threshold for gifts and pledges not be met by **June 30, 2019**, all gifts will be added to the existing, non-endowed, C. Spencer Abbot Summer Fellowship.

Charles Spencer Abbot Biography

A fourth-generation Naval officer, Spencer earned his MALD and PHD in International Relations from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Spencer also earned an Executive MBA, taken in Spanish, from Instituto de Empresa in Madrid while he was an EF-18 exchange pilot with the Spanish Air Force. Spencer had a much storied and exemplary career as a Naval Aviator, including combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and, in 2008, was presented the Order of the Daedalians Exceptional Pilot Award (an award described as being for the best pilot in the Navy). Spencer served as interagency representative for U.S. Southern Command at USAID, working in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake. He also spent four years in Japan, first as a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow and then as Commanding Officer of the VFA-27 "Royal Maces" in Atsugi, Japan. Since Spencer and his family's departure from Japan in 2015, they maintained strong ties with Japan and remained dedicated to strengthening U.S. - Japan relations. Most recently, Spencer spent a year as a White House Fellow, during which he was assigned to the State Department, and then went on to serve in the office of the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

All of Spencer's remarkable qualities were evident while at Fletcher and throughout his career: humble leader, loyal friend, impressive intellectual, and dedicated public servant. With a unique understanding of global security across humanitarian, military, diplomatic, academic, and business dimensions, Spencer exemplified much of what is best about Fletcher. It is our hope that students at Fletcher will gain such varied experiences to ensure that they can make well-informed decisions and guide those in government to do the same. Our hope is that this fund, and these deserving students will honor Spencer's legacy in perpetuity.