

Ambassador (Ret.) Asif Chaudhry Vice President for International Programs Washington State University

Ambassador Asif Chaudhry became the Vice President for International Programs (IP) at Washington State University in June 2015. He is the chief international relations officer at the University and is responsible for IP's role in carrying out WSU's mission of global engagement. Ambassador Chaudhry manages WSU's extensive internationalization program that focuses on establishing strategic partnerships with governments and educational institutions across the globe.

He oversees cross-functional areas of IP that are responsible for international student and scholar services, education abroad and exchange programs, undergraduate admissions for international students and international research for faculty and scholars. The Office of International Programs provides services to international students and scholars at WSU who hail from over 100 countries. The goals are for all students, at home and abroad, to have a global experience while at WSU and graduate with a high level of cultural competency.

Ambassador Chaudhry recently retired from the United States Government as a Senior Foreign Service Officer where he held numerous leadership positions in the Departments of State, Defense and Agriculture.

In July 2014, Ambassador Chaudhry completed a three-year assignment as the Foreign Policy Advisor to the Chief of United States Navy (CNO) at the Pentagon. During this assignment, he was the principal architect of U.S. Navy's global engagement plan to implement President Obama's policy of rebalance to the Asia Pacific region.

He was the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova from 2008-11 where he led the implementation of numerous economic development and reform programs that put the country on a path of transformation to a true democracy and an Association Agreement with the European Union.

Prior to that assignment, Ambassador Chaudhry was the Deputy Administrator for the Office of Global Analysis at FAS (2006-08) leading the development of recommendations that formed part of the foundation of the U.S.-Korea free trade agreement. As Minister-Counselor for Agricultural Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt (2002-06), he negotiated several trade agreements between the U.S. and five countries in the Middle East including Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

Ambassador Chaudhry received his Ph.D., in ag-economics from Washington State University and a master's degree from the American University of Beirut in Lebanon. He completed his undergraduate work at the University of Punjab in Pakistan. He speaks Russian, Arabic, Polish, Urdu and Punjabi, and received a Presidential Meritorious Service Award for his contributions in the conduct of U.S. Foreign Policy.