



Helen Phillips

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Helen Phillips joins the Master's in International Policy (MIP) program after working for six years at the intersection of dual-use startups, venture capital, and the federal government. Most recently, Helen was on the investment team at Booz Allen Ventures, the \$100M corporate venture capital (CVC) fund of Booz Allen. Helen supported the deal process end-to-end, from sourcing defense tech startups to developing business cases and facilitating value creation for portfolio companies. Prior to joining the CVC team, Helen led tech scouting projects for senior Department of Defense (DoD) clients, researching and integrating dual-use startups against specific requirements. Helen has also conducted extensive research on foreign investment/adversary capital in the context of great power competition, assessing foreign influence in the U.S. startup ecosystem.

Helen has deep familiarity and experience with policies and organizations that help startups work with the federal government (e.g., SBIR/STTR, SBA's SBIC program, dual-use/defense-oriented VCs and CVCs, etc.). At Stanford, Helen is continuing her work and research in defense tech, policy, and venture capital through the International Security concentration in the MIP program. In her spare time, she loves to be active outside and enjoys triathlons, cycling, pickleball, hiking, and camping.