

# Tanner P. Braman

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## Experience

Senior Research Program Manager, *Hoover Institution*

September 2024 – August 2025

- Strategic advisor and project manager for synthetic biologist Dr. Drew Endy with Bio-Strategies and Leadership (BSL).
- Supported Space Policy fellow Dr. Dan Berkenstock on space commercialization research.
- Key projects:
  - Created BSL's strategy blueprint to define research and policy objectives, audiences, and implementation.
  - Research contributor to [Stanford Emerging Technology Review 2025](#).
  - Led research for forthcoming 70+ page report on biotech limits and capabilities.

Chief of Staff to Former Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, *RHGM LLC*

September 2020 – September 2024

- Administered the Secretary's affairs across consulting firm Rice, Hadley, Gates & Manuel LLC, Chancellorship of William & Mary, NCAA, nonprofit boards, and Gates's political legacy and influence on current US politics.
- Thought partner with the Secretary on institutional decision-making and strategy, his publications, and media.
- Planned and coordinated operations, built relationships, and led various teams to execute the Secretary's decisions.
- Key projects:
  - Worked with NCAA leadership and board staff to plan and execute NCAA constitution reform. Prepared 57 committee meetings over 5 months, framing discussion of key issues from student athlete mental health to revenue distribution while overseeing incorporation of committee decisions into the new constitution.
  - Oversaw establishment of the Gates Global Policy Center and execution of first two flagship forums designed to restructure US [strategic communications](#) and [development assistance](#).
  - Advised and contributed to articles on [Afghanistan withdrawal](#), [Russia's invasion of Ukraine](#), and [US strategic threats](#).

Director, *RHGM LLC*

January 2021 – September 2024

- Conducted economic and political analyses to guide major investments and mitigate risk for clients in banking and finance, information technology, transportation, and the energy sector, preparing both written and oral briefs.

Volunteer Firefighter & EMT, *Big Lake Fire Department*

November 2020 – September 2024

- Ran medical, rescue, HAZMAT, and fire suppression calls in Skagit County, WA.

Special Warfare Officer Candidate, *United States Air Force*

March 2020 – November 2020

- Led teams of 4 to 20 enlisted and officer candidates in various physical training events and rescue simulations.
- Completed Combat Rescue Officer / Special Tactics Officer Phase II selection in 2020.

## Education

Stanford School of Medicine  
M.D. Candidate (2029)

## Certifications

American Chemical Society Chemist, Biochemist  
EMT-Basic  
Firefighter I, Wildland Firefighter II  
HAZMAT Operations

William & Mary  
BS, International Relations; BS, Chemistry (2020)  
Magna Cum Laude  
[2020 Charter Day Speaker](#)