



# The *Center* of the Inamori Center:

*Helping people live ethical lives and  
create a more ethical world.*



CASE WESTERN RESERVE  
UNIVERSITY  
Inamori International Center  
for Ethics and Excellence

# Our Mission

Case Western Reserve University's Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence is dedicated to:

- Exploring ethical issues from a global perspective,
- Nurturing international awareness and understanding of our common humanity through the study, teaching, and practice of ethics, and
- The pursuit of excellence in all human endeavors



## Our Charge

The Inamori Center is charged with creating internationally recognized programs and initiatives devoted to ethical inquiry in both its practical and theoretical aspects and facilitating the development of future leaders who will, in the words of Dr. Kazuo Inamori, "serve humankind through ethical deeds rather than actions based on self-interest and selfish desires."

In our pursuit to **help people live ethical lives and create a more ethical world**, the Inamori Center has two main targets:

- We create space and provide support to advance scholarship and service on topics of **ethics, values, and justice**.
- We cultivate and honor **excellence** made possible through **ethical leadership**.

## Our Mission, In *Practice*

At the Inamori Center, we:

- Teach, train, and mentor students of all ages and stages of life.
- Advise and fund scholarship, research, and service learning projects.
- Publish, in print and online, *The International Journal of Ethical Leadership*, with special volumes in English, French, and Spanish.
- Present the Inamori Ethics Prize to global leaders demonstrating outstanding ethical leadership.
- Advise and mentor the CWRU student organization Global Ethical Leaders Society to develop future ethical leaders and responsible global citizens.
- Consult on the ethical, legal, and social implications of research for partner grants, programs, and initiatives.
- Create and host programs and events, including lectures, panels, and activities.

## Our Areas of Interest

What ethical topics do we consider?

**All of them.**

The study of ethics has no limits, and our celebration of excellence through ethical leadership seeks to recognize all aspects of human endeavor. The broad range of topics we cover is possible through our in-house expertise and the continuing contributions of Inamori Ethics Prize winners and Inamori Affiliates, including visiting scholars, research associates, and our esteemed Advisory Board members.

The Inamori Center offers in-house expertise on topics of **ethics, ethical leadership, military ethics, and the ethics of emerging technologies**, as well as topics of **values and justice**. We create space and provide support to expand our scope of topics and amplify other voices, such as our students, campus partners, and others in our local and global communities.



2019 Inamori Ethics Prize Winner, LeVar Burton, with symposium panelists

## Ethics, Values, and Justice

Each year, the Inamori Center offers a graduate writing prize in the field of **military ethics**—the study of the core values and moral principles that collectively govern those serving in the military forces of nations around the world and the policies that affect them. We partner with the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Law to offer Case Western Reserve's unique Master of Arts in Military Ethics. We also collaborate with international partners to host the Military Ethics: Cards for Humanity app, which features carefully curated questions and resources developed by leading researchers, ethicists, and legal specialists. This free educational resource covers topics in English, Arabic, French, German, Hindi, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Serbian, Turkish, and Ukrainian.

We pursue initiatives to ensure that ethics keep pace with the speed of innovation—the crux of the field of **ethics of emerging technology**, which focuses on maintaining ethical reflection and response in all phases of the development and implementation of technologies. Topics explored by the Inamori Center and by our partners include the ethical components of connecting humans to technology through neuromuscular interfaces, AI and quantum computing, improving air quality, and inventing artificial blood.

In years in which the Inamori Ethics Prize is not awarded, we hold the **Conversations on JUSTICE** event series to convene local and global experts, including Inamori Ethics Prize winners and their affiliates, in important and timely discussions. Series topics have included climate justice, inequities in healthcare, reproductive justice, immigration, and human rights.



## Excellence Through Ethical Leadership

- The **Inamori Ethics Prize** honors outstanding international ethical leaders whose actions and influence have greatly improved the condition of humankind. The prize was first awarded in 2008 to Francis S. Collins, a physician-geneticist and leader of the Human Genome Project. Recent winners include Farouk El Baz, LeVar Burton, and Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi.
- As we aim to cultivate the next generation of ethical leaders, the Inamori Center advises and sponsors the CWRU student organization **Global Ethical Leaders Society (GELS)**. Students enhance their leadership skills, analyze complex moral issues, inspire others to support ethical policies, and play active roles in promoting moral progress on a global scale.
- The Inamori Center has published *The International Journal of Ethical Leadership* since 2012. This interdisciplinary, open-access journal—available in print and online—is a trusted forum for an international exchange of ideas on the theory and practice of ethical leadership for readers around the world. Since the online launch of the journal in 2020, articles and transcripts have been downloaded more than 28,000 times in 182 countries by individuals representing over 1,800 different organizations.



2023 Inamori Ethics Prize Winner, Myroslava Gongadze, with student leaders

