

Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships at Chatham House

In partnership with Robert Bosch Stiftung

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Overview of the Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships at Chatham House

Chatham House is pleased to invite applicants for the Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships at Chatham House, a joint initiative of Chatham House and Robert Bosch Stiftung.

The purpose of these fellowships is to offer young leaders from a large part of the former Soviet space an opportunity to advance their knowledge, develop research skills and build links with the policy, academic and other communities in the UK, Germany and the wider EU.

The fellowships will be open to citizens of **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine**. Candidates should be at an early to middle stage in their career but should already have some research and publication experience.

Chatham House will provide a dynamic base from which the fellows can pursue their own research interests, further develop their personal interaction, communication and leadership skills, extend their regional and global networks, and deepen their expertise by contributing to the institute's research and activities. This experience will inform the fellows' contributions to improved regional and national decision-making on issues of great relevance to security and prosperity in Eurasia.

Each fellow will primarily work on a self-designed research project that should result in a Chatham House publication, and will also be offered a comprehensive nine-month programme of activities at the institute. It is expected that during their time at Chatham House, fellows will participate in workshops and seminars on their region, gaining a broader understanding of the forces shaping post-Soviet Eurasia.

Three Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships are available for 2015–16 as part of the new Academy for Leadership in International Affairs at Chatham House (see page 6 for more information). The fellows will be hosted by and based in the Russia and Eurasia Programme.

The application window for the 2015–16 fellowships will be open from 1 August 2014 to 28 September 2014.

The first two fellowships will begin in February 2015, and the third in September 2015.

Chatham House

Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, is a world-leading source of independent analysis, informed debate and influential ideas on how to build a prosperous and secure world for all. In January 2014, Chatham House was ranked as the top non-US think-tank, for the sixth consecutive year, and the second highest global think-tank, in the University of Pennsylvania's annual survey of more than 6,000 organizations from across the world.

The institute undertakes independent and rigorous analysis with the aim of setting the agenda and shaping policy by encouraging new ideas and forward thinking in international affairs. Chatham House research is structured around four departments: Area Studies and International Law; Energy, Environment and Resources; International Economics; and International Security.

The institute holds around 120 events for members per year and some 15 major one or two-day conferences. Research programmes host a further 200 workshops, seminars and briefings on a range of policy questions. Many of these events take place under the Chatham House Rule, to allow expert discussion among policy stakeholders. Chatham House experts also offer special briefings in the UK Parliament, and give evidence to government officials and legislators in capitals around the world, including Beijing, Brussels, Delhi, Istanbul, London and Washington, DC.

Many Chatham House projects culminate in publications, including reports, briefings and journal articles. *International Affairs* is Chatham House's scholarly journal and the institute also publishes a bi-monthly magazine, *The World Today*. The Chatham House website, which offers access to all the institute's reports, papers and event transcripts, receives over one and a half million individual visitors each year, while the institute's media profile is the highest of all UK-based policy institutes, with over 2,000 mentions, interviews and features in major national and international news outlets in 2013–14.

For more information on Chatham House, please visit: www.chathamhouse.org

Robert Bosch Stiftung

Robert Bosch Stiftung is one of the major German foundations associated with a private company and has managed the philanthropic bequest of company founder Robert Bosch for 50 years. Indeed it was his entrepreneurial vision, political farsightedness, moral fortitude and charitable initiatives that set the standards for the work of the Robert Bosch Stiftung.

The Robert Bosch Stiftung invests approximately 70 million euros annually in supporting approximately 800 of its own as well as third-party projects in the fields of international relations, education, society and culture, as well as health and science. Since its founding back in 1964, the Foundation has used more than 1.2 billion euros for charitable activities.

The Robert Bosch Stiftung continues the charitable pursuits of Robert Bosch (1861–1942), the founder of both the company and the Foundation. It owns about a 92 per cent stake in Robert Bosch GmbH, and finances its operations from the dividends it receives from this holding. Robert Bosch's former home in Stuttgart serves as the Foundation's headquarters. Around 140 employees work for the Foundation at this location and at its offices in Berlin.

The Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships at Chatham House are part of the programme area *International Relations Europe and its Neighbours – Good Governance and Civic Society*. In order to develop and maintain a lively civil society, the Foundation supports citizens, who actively assume responsibility for the common good. In addition, the foundation encourages governments to create the conditions and climate necessary for an active citizenry, following the principles of 'Good Governance'. The Foundation wants to particularly appeal to young people and support their creative ideas when it comes to getting citizens actively involved. This role can be directly traced back to Robert Bosch's own wishes and initiatives.

For more information on the Robert Bosch Stiftung please visit:
www.bosch-stiftung.de

The Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships

Purpose

The Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships will provide an opportunity for emerging leaders, researchers and opinion-makers to develop their skills and understanding of critical issues facing the countries of the Eastern Partnership and Russia, and to enable them to contribute to positive change in their home countries and the wider region.

Candidate background

Academy Robert Bosch Fellowship candidates will be at an early to middle stage of their career with a background in international relations, social science or economics, whether they come from academia, NGOs, business, government or the media. They should possess knowledge of, and an interest in, one of the policy-related challenges laid out in the 2015–16 research themes on page 9.

Expected outputs and activities

Academy Robert Bosch Fellows will spend the majority of their time working on their personal research project. Fellows will have the opportunity to conduct research at Chatham House, including consultations with experts within the institute's extensive network. They will also need to travel to undertake field research and interviews.

Projects will be supervised by the Head of the Russia and Eurasia Programme through regular one-on-one meetings. The fellows will also be supported by the programme manager in any administrative or logistical tasks, such as travel arrangements for external meetings or organizing workshops at Chatham House.

Academy Robert Bosch Fellows will also take part in a significant programme of personal development, comprising:

- a) Group tasks, including training in research methods, media skills, project management, presentations, leadership skills and networking opportunities; and regular attendance at Chatham House lectures, seminars and workshops.
- b) One-on-one mentoring, including advice on the fellows' personal research projects and career development.

Depending on the fellows' past experience and areas of expertise, they will also be able to observe and participate in the wider activities of Chatham House.

The fellows will be expected to:

- Present their findings at an expert roundtable event;
- Write a peer-reviewed Chatham House publication based on their research (the Institute will provide full support for dissemination);

- Participate as necessary in other projects and meetings of the Russia and Eurasia Programme;
- Participate fully in the annual Chatham House-Robert Bosch Stiftung Conference in January or February;
- Be available for media interviews and comments when appropriate.

During the course of the fellowship, the fellows will spend a two-week placement at a German think-tank in Berlin. Funds will also be available for them to conduct a research trip to the region associated with their project.

Timeline

The first two fellowships will run from February 2015 to October 2015, the third from September 2015 to May 2016. Candidates should indicate on the application form if they have a preference for either period. Candidates must be available to be based at Chatham House in London for the full duration of the fellowship.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a Chatham House Academy Robert Bosch Fellowship, candidates must:

- Be a citizen of **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia or Ukraine**;
- Have a background in international relations, social science or economics;
- Have a track record of research into the politics, economies and/or societies of Russia, Eastern Europe and/or the South Caucasus or European policy in this region;
- Have a clearly defined area of research or policy interest which fits within one of the broad research themes outlined on page 9;
- Have excellent English writing and presentation skills.

The Academy for Leadership in International Affairs at Chatham House

The Royal Institute of International Affairs established a new Academy for Leadership in International Affairs at Chatham House in September 2013.

The Academy offers potential and established leaders from around the world the opportunity to spend up to twelve months as a Fellow at Chatham House in London. Fellows of the Academy will develop their thinking on the most pressing national and international challenges facing their countries and regions and work together to craft credible, innovative responses.

Based in the unique and neutral venue of Chatham House, the Academy will build on the institute's international reputation for independent thinking, cutting-edge research and informed debate. It will additionally take advantage of Chatham House's location in the heart of London, one of the world's most vibrant capital cities.

Nurturing a new generation of leaders

Established in 1920, the institute is approaching its centenary at a critical juncture in international affairs. The balance of economic and political power is shifting between the world's established and emerging powers. There are deepening levels of competition and continued threats to international prosperity and security. At the same time, government and societies are seeking to take advantage of globalization and technological advances while managing their increasing levels of interdependence.

There is an urgent need to help current and future generations understand the nature of these challenges and opportunities, the scope for national and institutional responses, and the differing approaches that individual governments and societies bring to them. Informed and enlightened statecraft and leadership will be essential in order to develop the national and international cooperation necessary to make progress in an interdependent but competitive world.

Fellows of the Academy for Leadership in International Affairs undertake a personal research project, under the guidance of a Chatham House expert; receive mentoring and coaching as part of a unique leadership programme; and participate in the activities of one of the institute's research departments. Through their time with the institute, they also bring fresh, diverse voices from around the world into the institute's research and convening.

Fellows are drawn from government and the broader policy community, the private sector and civil society. Over time, the Academy alumni will constitute an expanding cadre of decision-makers capable of working together to find solutions to complex policy problems and seize opportunities for future international cooperation.

For more information, please visit: www.chathamhouse.org/academy

2015–16 Research Themes

There are seven research themes for the 2015–16 Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships.

The parameters for the research themes have been designed in broad terms to allow applicants to devise a project that appeals to their own research interests. Applicants may propose a research project that fits within any of the topics outlined below.

Internal dynamics

- Prospects for economic growth, modernization and democratization in the Eastern Partnership countries and/or Russia;
- Regional elites and networks of power;
- Societal changes, inter-ethnic relations and non-state actors.

External attitudes

- The future of EU and NATO relations with the Eastern Partnership countries and/or Russia;
- Security and conflict resolution;
- Prospects for intra-regional cooperation;
- Russia and the shared neighbourhood with Europe.

Beyond the Fellowships

Chatham House will maintain close contact with fellows after the completion of their fellowship. It is hoped that they will develop their careers in a related field and contribute to the understanding and practice of international affairs in years to come. In addition, it is hoped that fellows will continue to remain involved with the institute.

Non-Resident Academy Affiliation

Chatham House will offer the opportunity for all Academy Robert Bosch Fellows to hold a two-year on-going non-resident Academy Associate affiliation, as part of their involvement in the Academy for Leadership in International Affairs. This will reflect their continuing connection and contributions to the institute.

Non-resident Academy Associate affiliation status will only be given to fellows who have performed to a high level and satisfactorily completed the full range of requirements of the fellowships during their time at Chatham House. The non-resident affiliation will last for up to two years after the completion of an Academy Robert Bosch Fellowship. This status will provide individuals with the opportunity to participate in the institute's research and other activities.

Chatham House Individual Membership

Each fellow will receive complimentary individual membership of Chatham House for five years following the completion of the fellowship.

For more details of the benefits of Chatham House membership, please visit: www.chathamhouse.org/become-member/individual-membership

Remuneration, Visas and Conditions

Remuneration and accommodation

Chatham House will provide a monthly stipend of the sterling equivalent of €3,000 for the duration of the fellowship.

In addition, the institute will cover one return trip to the UK and accommodation in a hotel on arrival (if required); and provide a budget for fieldwork and research-related travel during the fellowship.

Visa details

Chatham House will issue a Certificate of Sponsorship for successful candidates to apply for a Temporary Worker visa under **Tier 5** of the UK points-based system. This visa category:

- does not include sponsorship of any dependants (spouses, children or other family members; dependants can apply for a visa to accompany the fellow to the UK for the duration of the fellowship provided the fellow has sufficient funds to support them);
- does not permit fellows to stay in the UK beyond the duration of their fellowship;
- does not permit fellows access to public funds while in the UK;
- does not permit fellows to undertake employment in the UK in addition to this fellowship.

The fellowships will be awarded regardless of candidates' existing financial circumstances. Candidates will not be required to show a level of savings or bank statements when applying for their visa. Chatham House will, where necessary, confirm to the UK Border Agency that fellows will have sufficient maintenance for the duration of the fellowship.

Chatham House will provide successful candidates with support and guidance during the visa application process.

Conditions of the fellowships

Successful applicants will be asked to sign a 'Fellowship Agreement' before the fellowship begins, which will outline the terms and conditions of the fellowship, and any procedures for early conclusion of the fellowship.

The Academy Fellowship scheme is not designed to lead to permanent employment with Chatham House.

Selection Process

Three fellowships will be awarded in 2015–16.

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Nationality eligibility requirements;
- The originality, relevance and clarity of the proposed research project, as demonstrated through the project proposal;
- Relevant background experience, as demonstrated through the CV;
- Sufficient English-language ability;
- Motivation for undertaking the fellowship and for contributing to the candidate's home country or region, as demonstrated through the post-fellowship plan.

Following a review of applications, shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview at Chatham House. If necessary, Chatham House will provide an invitation letter for visa application purposes. The interview committee will be drawn from Chatham House senior management and the Robert Bosch Stiftung.

Interviews will take place in late November 2014 and candidates will be informed of the outcome within a week of the interviews.

The decision of the interview committee is final and no appeals will be permitted. All candidates will be informed of the outcome of their applications by email.

How to Apply

Candidates must do the following:

1. Download and complete the application form (available on the Chatham House website);
2. Email the application form, together with one published writing sample in English (or an English translation of their own work originally published in another language) to AcademyRobertBoschFellowships@chathamhouse.org;

The research proposal should outline the topic to be investigated and the likely methodology, and must explain the project's importance and policy relevance to the Russia and Eurasia region and/or the West. It should also describe any necessary fieldwork, provide a timeline of activities, and indicate how the proposed work would be completed during the fellowship.

The post-fellowship plan should outline why the fellowship will be useful to your career goals and how you will utilize the experience for strengthening civil society in their home country or region.

All files should be sent in PDF format to
AcademyRobertBoschFellowships@chathamhouse.org

All documents must be submitted in English.

The application deadline is Sunday, 28 September 2014.

Incomplete or late applications, and applications which do not include all documents outlined above, will not be considered.

Contact Details

For further information or questions regarding the application process, please check the Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships page on the Chatham House website or contact:

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