

Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships at Chatham House



Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, is an independent policy institute.

Chatham House is a listed building which was home to three British Prime Ministers: William Pitt the Elder (the Earl of Chatham), Edward Stanley and William Gladstone.

The House has also given its name to the famous Chatham House Rule, first established in 1927 and revised twice since. The rule is used around the world to ensure free and open debate.



The Academy Robert Bosch fellowships are designed for potential leaders and practitioners from the countries of the Eastern Partnership and Russia to spend nine months at Chatham House in London. Two fellowships will run from February to October 2015 and a third will run from September 2015 to May 2016.

Fostering leadership in international affairs

The Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships are designed for potential leaders from **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine**. The fellowships offer opportunities to further develop an understanding of, and approaches to, the political, economic and social issues facing the countries of the Eastern Partnership and Russia. Fellows are based in the Russia and Eurasia Programme at Chatham House in London, one of the world's leading international affairs institutes.

The Academy

These fellowships are part of Chatham House's new Academy for Leadership in International Affairs, established in September 2013. The Academy brings together practitioners from around the world to explore the toughest policy problems they, their region and the world are facing. Over time, the Academy's alumni will constitute an expanding cadre of decision-makers capable of working together to find solutions to complex policy problems and seizing opportunities for future international cooperation.

The fellowships

Fellowships have three main elements:

- work on a self-designed research project, potentially leading to publication, under the guidance of a relevant Chatham House expert;
- participation in the Academy's leadership programme, incorporating professional development training, leadership coaching and engagement with policy decision-makers in the UK and internationally;
- the opportunity to contribute to wider work within the Chatham House Russia and Eurasia Programme, where the fellows are based.



The time I spent at Chatham House was the most rewarding period in my professional life so far. I benefited from the opportunity to develop my professional knowledge and to learn from daily exposure to the intelligence and discipline of the institute's staff. Chatham House is a wonderful place, providing a space for calm scholarly research, while being at the forefront of international politics.

George Mchedlishvili
Robert Bosch Fellow (2013)

At Chatham House I was able to develop my skills in analytical thinking and tailor my writing to different audiences. The institute's high research standards, wide networks and strong links with the media provide excellent opportunities for young researchers to improve their research skills.

Orysia Lutsevych
Robert Bosch Fellow (2012)

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Research topics

There are seven broad research themes for the 2015–16 Academy Robert Bosch Fellowships. Candidates are asked to design and submit their own idea for an original research project, which falls within one or more of the categories below:

Domestic politics

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

Foreign relations

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

Who can apply?

The fellowships are open to individuals who are citizens of **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine**. Candidates should be in the early to mid-stage of their career in any sector, including academia, NGOs, business, government or the media.

Further information

The application window for the 2015–16 fellowships is from 1 August to 28 September 2014. The first two fellowships will run from February to October 2015 and the third from September 2015 to May 2016.

Fellows receive a monthly stipend to the sterling equivalent of €3,000. To apply, please download an application form from the Chatham House website. Further information and application details can be found at: www.chathamhouse.org/academy/fellowships/robert-bosch

For further information on the Academy for Leadership in International Affairs, please visit: www.chathamhouse.org/academy