TRANSATLANTIC LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

EMPOWERING YOUTH. INCUBATING POLICY.
WELCOME TO THE TRANSATLANTIC LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME!

With over a decade of experience in organizing conferences, piloting policy projects, and publishing impactful work, we are excited to bring our global network together to create a dynamic platform for youth-led policy incubation.

We invite you to embark on this transformative vocational journey with us, as we unite all our initiatives into one cohesive framework.

Join us in shaping the future of transatlantic leadership and policy innovation. Your journey begins here!
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European Horizons is a global youth-led policy incubator with the mission of fostering a stronger transatlantic bond and a more united Europe — which we believe are the cornerstones of a future underpinned by democracy, equality, and freedom.

To do so, we deal in ideas. Our programmes empower our members with the knowledge, experience, and confidence needed to voice their ideas; our growing network of chapters, partners, and alumni enhance them; our policy outputs provide the key instruments for these ideas to be heard.
OUR VALUES

FOR THE YOUTH: From geopolitical fragmentation to climate change and rapid technological development, we face an unprecedented series of long-term challenges, impacting young people around the world. We aim to equip those young people with the skills, platform, and network to shape policy decisions on these challenges, contributing to a more equitable future for all.

ATLANTICIST IN SPIRIT: We are driven by the belief that today's critical challenges must be confronted cooperatively and their resolution must be underpinned by the values of democracy, equality and freedom. Because of this, we advocate for stronger transatlantic relationships and a more effective European Union.

BY THE YOUTH: We are unshakably dedicated to youth leadership. All of our activities, from one-off publications to our flagship conferences, are driven by a passionate group of aspiring young leaders who are confident in carrying out complex projects, comfortable with the intricacies of policy, and ambitious in their vision for a better world.

LOCAL TO GLOBAL APPROACH: We champion the belief that change begins at the grassroots level. Our university chapters around the globe foster a diverse intelligence community and vibrant transatlantic discussions which are the backbones of our global impact.
Building on our decade-long experience of organizing conferences, piloting policy projects, and editing publications this year we are launching the “Transatlantic Leaders Fellowship Programme” - a transformative vocational journey for undergraduate and graduate students to join across our global network where all of our initiatives unite into one dynamic framework fit for youth-led policy incubation.

The programme stands at the intersection of two beliefs. There is a greater-than-ever urgency of having the youth’s voice be heard in present transatlantic policy decisions, such as Energy & Environment, Transatlantic Security, and Democratic Technology, given their uneven generational impact. On the other hand, effective policy making requires knowledge and skills to be produced as well as the confidence and means to advocate for it – tools that the youth often lack.

By equipping its participants with the relevant skill sets, expertise and connections to amplify their voices in the transatlantic arena, the Fellowship Programme is poised to bridge this gap, generating policy that is “for the youth and by the youth”.
THE TRANSATLANTIC LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

OVERVIEW

The current edition of the Fellowship Programme will host 80 outstanding undergraduate and graduate students divided into 20 operating teams. It caters to students from all academic disciplines without prior detailed experience or knowledge in transatlantic policymaking. The Programme will cover all the steps of the policy process, from the first draft of a policy memo to its final pitch.

The Programme will run from November to March, consisting of 8 Online Masterclasses offering a diverse range of knowledge: from honing professional policy skills to captivating thematic overviews and discussions. The Programme will be kicked off by two regional Fall Policy Conventions (FPCs) in November, one in London and one in Washington D.C., and will be closed by our flagship European Student Conference (ESC) in Brussels.

Throughout this immersive program, each team will have the chance to showcase their work on Transatlantic Perspectives, our short-form media outlet through monthly submissions. Finally, armed with the expertise and experience needed for top-tier policy incubation, fellows will ultimately craft a Public Policy Consultation. Selected pieces will be published together with one of our external partners, stimulating real and tangible shifts in the transatlantic policy space.
FALL POLICY CONVENTIONS

Hosted in partnership with the European Parliament Liaison Office (EPLO) in London (November, 16-17), the EU Delegation to the US as well as the Congressional Caucus on the European Union in Washington D.C. (November, 2-3), the Fall Policy Conventions (FPCs) will provide an introduction to transatlantic policymaking.

They will consist of a mix of expert panels, keynote addresses, and workshops on topics such as policy analysis, policy design and implementation, and effective communication in policy-making on both sides of the Atlantic.

MASTERCLASSES

The 8 Online Masterclasses will provide insights and mentorship from subject matter experts on the role of transatlanticism in North America and Europe, as well as offer deep dives on the year’s policy priorities, which will build the groundwork for solidly-informed discussion at the European Student Conference.

EUROPEAN STUDENT CONFERENCE

Our flagship conference, the European Student Conference (ESC), organised between the 12th and 14th of April in 2024, will draw together fellows and top-tier decision-makers from politics, business, and academia to discuss their innovative solutions to the critical challenges in transatlantic affairs today. Whilst benefiting from the guidance and perspective of such experts, participants will work in their groups towards a Public Policy Consultation, the best of which will be selected by an expert panel to be subsequently co-published with one of our partner organizations.
Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, and the international community’s response to it, has reaffirmed the transatlantic security architecture’s importance, but presents it with new challenges that it will have to adapt to. This means working and evolving together to counter new threats, build new capabilities, and make the way we think about collective security more holistic, to reflect the realities of a geopolitically uncertain 21st century.

The grave threat climate change poses to humanity, and the limited time we have to combat it, will lead to the most significant shifts to our lives, and livelihoods, since the 19th century’s Industrial Revolution. This shift’s impact will be felt far and wide, making it important that the world’s democracies cooperate to ensure that the transition is both swift and just. Fighting climate change means solving the biggest collective action problem we have ever encountered, but it is essential if we want to protect the planet which we all share and call home.

Technology has profoundly impacted the relationship between citizen and state in liberal democracies, and will continue to do so in new and unpredictable ways. It presents new opportunities for a rich, transparent, and more engaged form of civic life. But it also poses risks, as disruption, election-tampering, and spreading misinformation become easier than ever before too. Our shared existence in cyberspace can unite us or divide us, making it imperative that we try to shape this new frontier for the better.
REASONS TO JOIN

1. DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES

Expect to connect with outstanding students from both Europe and North America. Our alumni, current members and past conference participants come from a range of academic institutions and cultural backgrounds, spanning across three continents.

2. HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Throughout the Fellowship, you will work on real policy projects, engage with expert panels, and attend workshops. You will also get the chance to contribute to our short-form media outlet, Transatlantic Perspectives.

3. TOPICAL EXPERTISE

Develop a strong understanding of each policy priority area that combines breadth and depth, striking a balance between relevance to today’s challenges and longer-term trends that will continue to be relevant to policymakers for decades to come.

4. CRAFTING POLICY CHANGE

As the culmination of your journey, each team will craft a Public Policy Consultation and have the opportunity to co-publish it with an external partner. As such, you will be at the forefront of transatlantic policy shifts advocating for the youth’s interest.

My experiences at European Horizons conferences throughout the years have been nothing short of transformative. They opened doors to unfiltered conversation with the most prominent leaders of today and the emerging shapers of tomorrow.

They - quite literally - broadened my horizons.

Lorenzo Donatelli
Executive Director (2023-2024)
Applications are now open and will close on the 20th of October. They will be assessed on a rolling basis. Early Bird Applications will run from October 2-10!

We shall formally inform all applicants regarding the status of their applications no later than October 30, 2023.

2. Requirements

The Fellowship is open to both undergraduate and graduate students from all academic disciplines. Note that, whilst applications are open to graduate students, the fellowship aims to provide entry level policy training.

We only accept group applications. Groups are composed of either 3 or 4 people. You can either apply as a Chapter Delegation (no upper limit on this: each Chapter can apply with however many teams they wish!) or as an External Group. One representative for each group should complete the application form for all.

Don’t have a group to apply with? Reach out to our Policy team and we will work together to match you with fellow applicants!
3. Selection Process

The selection process for the Transatlantic Leaders Fellowship is designed to identify outstanding candidates who are passionate about transatlantic relations and committed to making a positive impact on policy discourse.

Applicants are required to submit several relevant documents as part of an application form which will be the object of assessment:

- **CV or Resume** (one for each applicant in the group): A comprehensive curriculum vitae or resume highlighting your educational background, work experiences, extracurricular activities, and any relevant achievements.
- **Proof of University Enrollment** (one for each applicant in the group): This can include official transcripts, an acceptance letter, student ID card, enrollment certificate, or a declaration of enrollment.
- **Motivation**: This will include three questions (max. 200 words per question) which will show the group’s motivation to join the Fellowship.

4. Fees

If successful, groups will be asked to pay a flat participation fee. Applications received before October 10th will benefit from an Early Bird discount.

- **Early bird ticket**: $240 (per group)
- **Standard ticket**: $300 (per group)

This will include access to all activities of the fellowship - FPCs, Masterclasses and ESC - but not travel and accommodation costs to these.

You are a chapter and need help covering travel and accommodation costs to our conferences? Reach out to our Chapters Portfolio and see how we can help!

**READY TO APPLY?** Complete the application form on our website and take your first steps into the world of transatlantic policy-making!
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