For the next cycle of Schwarzman Academy fellowships, the Queen Elizabeth II Academy at Chatham House seeks individuals who are dynamic, creative, driven and excited to contribute to Chatham House's research teams to analyse key global and national challenges and develop policy solutions.

To apply, we ask that applicants propose a research project that aims to contribute to work on the promise and challenge of inclusive global governance in the 21st century. Fellows are strongly encouraged to consider our existing research programmes and develop a research proposal that seeks to make a direct contribution to our work on specific topics and regions and to link this to the challenge of regional and global governance.

Below you can see some priority topic areas for research projects in 2021/22. You should take into consideration how you can contribute to these research areas when designing your project proposal.

### Regional questions

**Middle East and North Africa**

- Do the Abraham Accords present the formation of a new regional security architecture? Do the normalisation agreements present new opportunities for conflict management and provide new governance models?

**Asia-Pacific**

- What are the implications of rapid growth in the Asia-Pacific region for regional and global governance?
- What are the broader implications of China’s rise and Asia’s development for global governance?

**Latin America**

- What has been the effect of increasing economic, diplomatic and personal ties between China and Latin American countries?
- How is the political and diplomatic divergence within Latin America and the Caribbean affecting its global voice and integration across issues like multilateral cooperation, trade, security and human rights?
- How is COVID-19 affecting inequality, social cohesion and political stability in Latin America and the Caribbean?
Russia and Eurasia

- How can governments and non-state actors be encouraged to deliver good governance with security in the Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries?
- Evolution or revolution in Russia? What do the new elite dynamics (central and regional), changing public attitudes and broader economic developments mean for the country’s future and its relationship with the West?
- What is the best method for handling Russia on the international stage (in conflicts, in multilateral institutions, in international money markets, in worldview, etc.)?

Europe

- What role should the UK play in the world after its withdrawal from the European Union?
- How can Europe respond to the various security challenges it faces?
- How can democracy in Europe be deepened? What role does economic policy in this revitalisation of democracy in Europe?
- What is the future of the Transatlantic relationship?

United States

- How can the United States most productively engage in the mechanisms and institutions of global governance?
- What is the trajectory for US-China relations? What is at stake for the rest of the world and especially Europe? How can the US-China relationship be managed?

Africa

- How can inclusive, sustainable growth and accountable governance be achieved in Africa?
- How can efforts towards achieving Africa’s Integrated Maritime Strategy for maritime governance, development and security by 2050 be built upon?

Thematic questions

International Security

- What are some of the emerging technologies that hold most potential in disrupting international security and why? Conversely, how can these same emerging technologies contribute to international security and why?
- How can nuclear arms control be revived in the 21st century in order to enhance strategic stability and reduce the risks of nuclear weapons use? And, what are the inherent challenges to nuclear deterrence today? Are there alternative governance structures to minimize nuclear risks?
- How can states promote a better implementation of the agreed upon “rules of the road” in cyberspace? And what role do non-state actors play in achieving this?
- Is there an arms race in outer space? What is the best way forward for achieving peaceful uses of outer space?
Global Health

- Where might the COVID-19 crisis catalyse universal health reforms?

Energy, Environment and Resources

- What has been the impact of COVID-19 on global and/or local climate governance?
- How might international governance mechanisms be reimagined and/or reinvigorated to better respond to climate-related challenges?

Global Economy and Finance

- Are the existing international institutions for managing the global economy fit for purpose in responding to today’s pressing global challenges, such as climate change, health risks, rapid technological change and growing income and wealth inequality? If not, how can they be improved?