The Leland Foundation Association of Marshall Scholars Transatlantic Academy Fellowship 2021-2022

The Leland Foundation Association of Marshall Scholars Transatlantic Academy Fellowship is open to individuals who are dynamic, creative, driven and excited to contribute to Chatham House’s research teams. As a fellow, you will have the opportunity 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 develop a research proposal that seeks to make a direct contribution to the work of our research programmes. Your proposal should focus on a specific topic and region and be linked to the challenge of regional and global governance.

Our priority research topics for 2021/22 for this fellowship are below. Your proposal should outline how you will contribute to one of these research areas.

Regional questions

United States

- How can the United States most productively engage in the mechanisms and institutions of global governance? We welcome proposals that focus on concrete issues including international security, international development, international humanitarianism and human rights, and international trade.
- What is the impact of polarization on America’s global role?
- 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?

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?

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?
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?

Latin America

- What has been the effect of Latin America’s increasing economic, diplomatic and personal ties globally?
- 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 economic growth and inequality likely to affect social cohesion, political stability and foreign relations 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.)?

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?
- How can we ensure that in this and future pandemics access to vaccines, tests and medicines is universal and equitable?
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?