Mo Ibrahim Foundation Academy Fellowship 2021-2022

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation 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.

Thematic questions

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?

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 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?
Regional questions

Russia and Eurasia

• What is the true extent of Russian penetration into sub-Saharan Africa and what effects, if any, is it having on the region’s political development?
• 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.)?