

2021 OSUN Academy Fellowships (2 month in-residence fellowship opportunities at Chatham House)



This year, the Academy is seeking candidates who would like to contribute to our work on the promise and challenge of Global Governance in the 21st Century. Academy Fellows will spend their time at Chatham House immersing in our Leadership Programme and contributing to high level research, benefiting from close working relationships with our research teams.

To apply for our 2021 Academy Fellowships, we ask that you propose a research project. 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 suggested topic areas for research projects. You should take into consideration how you can contribute to these priority research areas when designing your project proposal.

Thematic questions

International Law

- How are new alliances within and across societies responding to a deteriorating environment for human rights?
- How can cities and regions contribute to the shaping of global goals and how are they innovating on delivery?
- How can human rights standards drive action at national and global level on issues such as climate change, digital governance and inequalities?

Global Economy and Finance

- Are existing institutions for managing the global economy able to cope with the greatest challenges we face today?

Global Health

- Where might the COVID-19 crisis catalyse universal health reforms?
- What global strategies will be most effective for responding to challenges such as Covid-19 and antimicrobial resistance?

Energy, Environment and Resources

- What has been the impact of COVID-19 on global and/or local climate governance?
- What global strategies will be most effective for responding to challenges such as Climate Change?

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, and what lessons can be learned from COVID-19 to inform the global and national nuclear weapons policies?
- To what extent have the UN led efforts to govern cyberspace helped to achieve more accountable state behaviour?
- The COVID-19 pandemic is reshaping geopolitics. What is the long term impact for international security and how will international alliances and institutions manage the escalating international tensions between large powers?

Regional questions

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?

Latin America

- 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?

Europe

- What lessons can be learned for regional governance from the political and economic challenges the EU has faced over the last decade?

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?

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?

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?