

2023-2024 Mo Ibrahim Foundation Academy Fellowship recruitment guideline topics



Environment and Society Programme

- How might international governance and finance mechanisms be reimagined and/or reinvigorated to better respond to climate-related challenges?
- How has the war in Ukraine affected global and national resource dynamics regarding energy, food or critical materials? How can international governance frameworks reduce these risks and vulnerabilities?

Global Health Programme

- Where might the COVID-19 crisis catalyze universal health reforms?
- How can digital health technologies transform health systems and what is their potential impact?

International Security Programme

- What are the changing roles of non-state actors in armed conflicts and how do they impact the future of conflict?
- How does access to, and competition over, resources, specifically critical minerals and rare earth metals impact conflict dynamics, and what are the potential mitigation measures?
- What are the possible scenarios for new arms control frameworks, and how can they be designed to focus on the ecosystem of actors and confidence-building measures?
- How can international regimes around the peaceful uses of biological, chemical, and/or nuclear technologies be strengthened, and what measures can be taken to foster international collaboration and strengthen the non-proliferation regime?
- What is the role of cybersecurity in achieving economic development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?
- What are the current trends and challenges in data governance and security in emerging economies?

International Law Programme

- How can international law address advances in AI and cyberspace, to facilitate state to state cooperation and help constrain harmful activities and impacts, both from states, companies and individuals?
- How can international human rights law deal with the challenges including in relation to new environmental treaties such as the plastics and biodiversity treaties, as well as the impact of populist politics on human rights and trade-related human rights issues?
- how are geopolitical tensions shaping international law, and also the human rights system? What are the long term international law implications of Russia's war in Ukraine? How can the multilateral system be upheld in the context of these geopolitical challenges and what changes are needed? How can the UK demonstrate effective leadership in international law? How to promote diverse and inclusive leadership, including from the Global South, in international law and the human rights space?

Latin America Initiative

- Have China's diplomatic and economic approach differed in Africa and Latin America—both across both regions and within the region by country? What are the implications of any differences or similarities? How have host governments responded?