

Academy Fellowships 2025-26 – Research Focus Areas

Applicants should carefully consider Chatham House's mission, values and objectives. While ensuring the research proposal aligns with the focus of their chosen research programme's key topic (outlined below), we strongly urge applicants to also develop an innovative and original research proposal.

Africa

- Peace and security in the Horn of Africa: Regionalization of conflicts; Domestic instability and interstate rivalries; External power influences in conflicts

Environment and Society

- Energy security and accelerating the energy transition in a rapidly shifting geopolitical and policy context
- Cooperation on sustainable resource use in an era of competition, contested global governance and emerging powers
- Addressing climate change and its cascading impacts through existing and new processes and institutions

Europe

- EU competitiveness and future prosperity
- Democratic resilience and European security (strategy, defence, hybrid warfare)
- Europe's role in a fragmented order: geo-economic and geo-political dynamics

Global Health

- The future of health diplomacy
- Medical supply chain security, resilience and opportunities for international cooperation

International Security

- Responsible state behaviour in outerspace and cyberspace and accountability
- NATO's evolution amid geopolitical and security challenges
- New approaches to European security
- Emerging and disruptive technologies: risks and opportunities

Latin America

- International investment in critical minerals and metals, state capacity and community relations

- Latin American foreign policy in a shifting global order
- Political, economic and domestic issues in intra-hemispheric and trans-Atlantic relations

Middle East and North Africa

- Governance and accountability in the Maghreb, Lebanon or Syria
- Strategic balancing in the Gulf in the context of geopolitical shifts
- Governance and regional cooperation in artificial intelligence *or* climate policy in MENA
- Domestic and foreign policy of Palestine

Russia and Eurasia

- The South Caucasus: Regional connectivity; politics of competing corridors; China's role
- Central Asia: Sovereignty amid geopolitical dynamics; political and security linkages between states
- Moldova: Resilience; EU integration; security
- Impact of Russia's war in Ukraine on other states in the region

UK in the World

- Strategy and role in the power competition between the US, EU and China
- Domestic sources of global power, such as defence, science and tech research, education and trade
- Modernising partnerships with the Global South in a changing world order

US and Americas

- The US' changing global role and implications for the international order