

**MERCATOR SCIENCE-POLICY
FELLOWSHIP-PROGRAMME &
ENGAGEgreen POLICY-FELLOWSHIP**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2024/25

The fellowship programmes are free programmes that are designed to meet the specific needs of professionals in the public sector, the media, and civil society.

Through face-to-face meetings with researchers, the policy professionals gain access to scientific expertise on questions that arise in their work, while the participating researchers get to know practical perspectives on their research.

The programmes aim at fostering dialogue between professionals from different sectors and researchers from research institutions in Frankfurt, Darmstadt, and Mainz.

Each fellow receives a tailor-made programme of face-to-face meetings with academic specialists in their fields. The fellowships comprise a total of at least five days spent at research institutions in the Rhine-Main area for face-to-face meetings with researchers.

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RHEIN-MAIN-UNIVERSITIES

The Rhine-Main Universities is a strategic alliance formed by Goethe University Frankfurt, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz and the Technical University (TU) of Darmstadt.

In addition, numerous research institutions in the Frankfurt/Rhine-Main area are collaborating with the fellowship programmes including the Leibniz, Max Planck and Fraunhofer Institutes, the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, the Institute for Social-Ecological Research, and the Institute for Housing and Environment.

Thanks to the large number of research institutions, the Rhine-Main region is one of the strongest research regions in Germany.

**RESEARCH CAPACITIES IN THE FRANKFURT/
RHINE-MAIN AREA INCLUDE:**

MORE THAN 10,000
academic staff

INCLUDING 1,700
professors

OVER 20
non-university research institutions with more
than 1,000 researchers

SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE

From engineering to education, from journalism to medicine: the scientific institutions in the Frankfurt / Rhine-Main region have expertise in an almost complete range of subjects.



WHAT IS THE PROGRAMMES' UNIQUE OFFERING?

The fellowship programmes are structured around face-to-face meetings between the policy professionals and academic researchers. The professionals provide lists of topics they are interested in, and, based on their preferences, each professional receives a tailor-made schedule of face-to-face meetings. Professionals can ask specific questions about technical issues, engage in debates on fundamental policy questions, or become acquainted with topics they are not yet familiar with. This gives them the opportunity to learn about new academic perspectives on the policy issues they are working on.

WHO ARE THE PROGRAMMES FOR?

The programmes promote dialogue between academic researchers in the Frankfurt/Rhine-Main area and senior policy professionals from policy units in ministries/agencies, EU institutions and international organisations, NGOs and the media. Professionals in policy units with five years of professional experience can also apply.

HOW ARE THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES SET UP?

- The fellowship runs for one academic year and it comprises a total of at least five days spent in the Rhine-Main area for face-to-face meetings with researchers.
- The Rhine-Main-Universities are currently developing a transnational fellowship scheme in cooperation with the University of Granada, Lumière University Lyon 2, and BETA Technological Centre (University of Vic/Central University of Catalonia). This transnational scheme will enable policy professionals to meet researchers in Granada, Lyon, Barcelona or Vic in 2025. Please check our website for additional information on the transnational track.
- Two visits will be scheduled for **autumn 2024 and spring / early summer 2025** (for the exact dates please consult our website) or on an individual basis.
- During each visit each fellow will meet with up to eight researchers in face-to-face meetings.
- In addition, the fellows are invited to events such as workshops or public debates in the Rhine-Main region as well as Brussels and Berlin.
- The programmes are free. Fellows' employers are expected to cover the costs of travel and

accommodation for their staff.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

The application package consists of:

- a completed application form
- your short curriculum vitae
- a letter of recommendation from your senior supervisor.

Please check the FAQ section on the website before completing the application form!

The application form is available at www.uni-frankfurt.de/science-policy or by emailing science-policy@uni-frankfurt.de.

Applications must be submitted via email to science-policy@uni-frankfurt.de by **08 April 2024**.

If you have any further questions regarding the programme, please do not hesitate to contact the office of the fellowship programmes.

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