

**MERCATOR SCIENCE-POLICY
FELLOWSHIP-PROGRAMME
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2022/2023**

The Mercator Science-Policy Fellowship-Programme is a free programme that is designed to meet the specific needs of senior professionals in the public sector, the media, and civil society. The programme aims at fostering dialogue between senior professionals from different sectors and researchers from research institutions in Frankfurt, Darmstadt, and Mainz.

The programme offers an international fellowship track for senior policy professionals from EU institutions and international organisations.

Each fellow receives a tailor-made programme of face-to-face meetings with academic specialists in their fields. The programme thus constitutes an innovative form of continuous education.

Funded by the Stiftung Mercator, the programme is run by the Rhine-Main Universities in collaboration with numerous research institutions in the Frankfurt/Rhine-Main area.

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RESEARCH IN THE FRANKFURT/RHINE-MAIN AREA

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 programme 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.

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

MORE THAN 10,000
academic staff

INCLUDING 1,450
professors

MORE THAN 300
institutes and research centres

SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE

From the social sciences to physics, from neurosciences to journalism, from the humanities to engineering, economics and law, the research institutions in the Frankfurt/Rhein-Main area offer academic expertise in a broad range of fields.

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WHAT IS THE PROGRAMME'S UNIQUE OFFERING?

The fellowship programme is structured around face-to-face meetings between the fellows and academic researchers. The fellows provide lists of topics they are interested in, and, based on their preferences, each fellow receives a tailor-made schedule of face-to-face meetings. Fellows 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.

The programme thus provides a rare opportunity for senior professionals to liaise with academics from research institutions in the Frankfurt/Rhine-Main area and peers from the public sector.

WHO IS THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME FOR?

The programme promotes dialogue between academic researchers in the Frankfurt/Rhine-Main area and senior policy professionals from EU institutions and international organisations. Please check our website for the eligibility criteria.

HOW IS THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME 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 and networking with other fellows.

Two visits will be scheduled for **autumn 2022 and spring/early summer 2023**. Please check the website for the exact dates.

In addition, the fellows are invited to events such as workshops or public debates in the Rhine-Main region, Brussels, Berlin, and other cities.

The programme is free. Fellows' employers are expected to cover the costs of travel and accommodation for their staff.

The face-to-face meetings can be conducted in English or German.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

The application package consists of:

- a completed application form including a letter of motivation.
The application form is available at www.uni-frankfurt.de/science-policy or by emailing science-policy@uni-frankfurt.de
- your curriculum vitae
- a letter of recommendation from your senior supervisor.

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

Applications must be submitted via email to science-policy@uni-frankfurt.de by **04 April 2022**.

If you have any further questions regarding the programme, please do not hesitate to contact the office of the Mercator Science-Policy Fellowship-Programme.

