

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**FELLOWSHIPS**

**2024/25**

## **Fellowships on the Geopolitics of Outer Space and other pressing research topics in the field of international politics**

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With growing geostrategic and economic importance, space has long since become the fifth domain of international politics, alongside land, sea, air and cyberspace. However, research and debates about this important theme are still at the very beginning. The AIA NRW targets to open up an interdisciplinary platform and initiate discussions and collaborations in the field of Outer Space Affairs

**Applications on other pressing research questions in the field of International Politics are also welcome.**

The AIA NRW offers fellowships (buy outs and stipends) for outstanding scholars and practitioners to spend time in an inspiring research environment in Bonn-Bad-Godesberg to discuss pressing research questions in the field of international politics. Senior and young scholars from all academic disciplines holding at least a doctoral degree, and practitioners from politics, business and civil society are invited to apply for:

**Fellowships of the duration of three to ten months at the AIA NRW in Bonn.**

Application is possible on two tracks:

(a) Academic Track (for senior and junior scholars)

Applicants are expected to submit a letter of motivation and a proposal of their envisaged academic project at the AIA NRW (max. 6 pages including an abstract), a brief CV (2 pages max.) and a list of publications and electronic copies of either three reviewed journal publications or one individually authored book. Obligatory components of the proposal should be the guiding research questions, a brief summary of the state of research in the respective field, a specific working plan and targeted outputs. It should also reflect on the expected added value of the stay in Bonn in the particular environment of AIA NRW. Furthermore, a filled form for applicants is requested ([application form](#)) Both individual applications and tandem applications are welcome.

(b) Practitioner's Track (for experts from politics, business and civil society)

Applicants are expected to submit a letter of motivation and a description of their envisaged project at the AIA NRW (max. 6 pages including an abstract) and a brief CV (2 pages max.). The proposal should detail planned activities during the time at the Academy and targeted outputs. It should reflect on the expected added value of the stay in Bonn in the particular environment of AIA NRW. Furthermore a filled form for applicants is requested ([application form](#)). Both individual applications and tandem applications are welcome.

**Fellowships include a buy out (compensation costs for the home university or institute) or a stipend on the basis of previous income, housing for the fellows and their families and coverage of travel expenses.**

**This call is for fellow residencies in the period April 2024 through March 2025. Further information can be found here: [www.aia-nrw.org/calls](http://www.aia-nrw.org/calls)**

**The applications must be submitted  
by 1 July 2023**

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## About AIA NRW

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In times of global transformation, changes, and new challenges, international action is required to secure the future of generations to come. The mission of the Academy of International Affairs (AIA NRW) is to play an active role in shaping these transformations. It invites the brightest minds from research, politics, and civil society to discuss new paths forward and envision solutions for the future.

At its core lies an international and interdisciplinary fellowship program, which invites outstanding candidates to spend several months in Bonn, Germany. The AIA NRW is an independent and non-partisan fellowship institute fully funded by the Federal State of North-Rhine Westphalia. It offers a perfect environment for study and mutual exchange. The city of Bonn is the headquarters for many key actors in academia, media, the United Nations and civil society. The AIA NRW aims to be partner and host to these actors.