Senior policy professionals in the public sector and civil society as well as journalists are facing a plethora of complex challenges. The Mercator Science-Policy Fellowship-Programme is a demand-driven and tailor-made programme for senior policy professionals and journalists, which is unique to Germany.

The programme acquaints senior policy professionals and journalists with state-of-the-art research on the issues they are working on. The programme is funded by the Stiftung Mercator and administered by the strategic alliance of the Rhine-Main Universities. It offers networking opportunities for academics, senior journalists, and senior policy professionals from the public sector and civil society. Based on the thematic interests of the fellows, the Rhine-Main Universities organise face-to-face meetings with accomplished scholars in order to discuss timely questions.

Fellows will spend a total of five days at the Rhine-Main Universities throughout the year.

### Scientific Expertise
ranging from political science to nuclear physics, from neurobiology to computer sciences, from medicine to engineering and myriad other disciplines

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WHO IS THE PROGRAMME FOR?
The programme aims at senior policy professionals from the public sector and civil society as well as senior journalists.

WHAT DOES THE MERCATOR SCIENCE-POLICY FELLOWSHIP-PROGRAMME OFFER?
→ A tailor-made programme of face-to-face meetings with scholars from the Rhine-Main Universities
→ Opportunities to expand personal networks by liaising with accomplished scholars, senior policy professionals, and journalists
→ New perspectives on salient topics at the intersection of academic research, public policy, and media
→ Access to the academic community of the Rhine-Main Universities as a visiting scholar
→ Membership in the Rhine-Main Universities’ alumni association as a »Science-Policy Partner of Preference«

HOW IS THE SCIENCE-POLICY FELLOWSHIP-PROGRAMME STRUCTURED?
→ Annual call for applications for 20 fellowships with the duration of one academic year
→ A total attendance of at least five days at the Rhine-Main Universities, including joint stays of all fellows from November 6th — 8th, 2018 and from May 14th — 16th, 2019 or on an individual basis
→ The programme is free of charge (fellows’ employers are expected to release the fellows from their duties during their stays at the Rhine-Main Universities and to cover their travel expenses)
→ We welcome applications from international candidates. Potential fellows are expected to have basic proficiency of the German language

HOW CAN I APPLY?
The application package consists of:
→ The completed application form including a letter of motivation available at www.uni-frankfurt.de/science-policy or mspfp@uni-frankfurt.de
→ A curriculum vitae
→ A letter of recommendation from a senior supervisor of the sending organisation

Applications must be submitted via email to mspfp@uni-frankfurt.de by May 7th, 2018. A steering committee consisting of accomplished members from academe and the public sector will select the fellows for the academic year 2018/19.

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