

**MERCATOR SCIENCE-POLICY
FELLOWSHIP-PROGRAMME
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2020/2021**

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

Each fellow receives a tailor-made programme of face-to-face meetings with academic specialists in their fields of enquiry. In doing so, the programme constitutes an innovative form of executive education.

Funded by the Stiftung Mercator, the programme is run by the Rhine-Main Universities.

RHINE-MAIN UNIVERSITIES

Rhine-Main Universities is a strategic alliance between Goethe University Frankfurt, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz and Technische Universität Darmstadt. The Rhine-Main region constitutes one of the most research-prolific regions in Germany:

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 Rhine-Main Universities offer academic expertise in a broad range of fields.

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WHAT IS THE PROGRAMME'S UNIQUE OFFERING?

It focuses on face-to-face meetings between the fellows and academic researchers. The fellows provide lists of topics they are interested in. 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 get acquainted with topics they are not yet familiar with. This enables them 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 both academics from three eminent German universities and with peers from the public sector, the media, and civil society.

WHO IS THE MERCATOR SCIENCE-POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME FOR?

The programme promotes the exchange between academic researchers based at the Rhine-Main Universities and senior professionals from the public sector, media and civil society.

WHAT IS THE STRUCTURE OF THE SCIENCE-POLICY FELLOWSHIP-PROGRAMME?

The fellowship runs for one academic year. It comprises a total of at least five days spent in the Rhine-Main area, for face-to-face meetings and networking with other fellows.

Two visits are scheduled per year. The dates for 2020/21 are **02 – 04 November 2020** and **20 – 22 April 2021**.

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

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 by emailing science-policy@uni-frankfurt.de
- Your curriculum vitae
- A letter of recommendation from your senior supervisor at your current place of work

Please do 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 **20 April 2020**.

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

