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The Robert Bosch Fellowships at Chatham House

Applicant Information Pack 2014/15

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Overview of the Robert Bosch Fellowships at Chatham House

Chatham House is pleased to invite applicants for the Robert Bosch Fellowships at Chatham House, a joint initiative of Chatham House and the Robert Bosch Stiftung.

The purpose of these Fellowships is to offer young scholars from a large part of Eurasia an opportunity to advance their knowledge, develop research skills and build links with the policy and academic communities in the UK, Germany and the wider EU.

The Fellowships will be open to citizens of **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine**. Candidates should be at an early stage in their career but should already have some research and publication experience.

Chatham House will provide a dynamic base within which the Fellows can pursue their own research interests; further develop their personal interaction, communication and leadership skills; extend their global networks; and deepen their expertise by contributing to the institute's research and activities. This experience will inform the Fellows' contributions to improved regional and national decision-making on issues of great relevance to prosperity and security in Eurasia.

Fellows will be offered a comprehensive nine-month programme of activities at the institute and will primarily work on a personal research project that will result in a Chatham House publication. It is expected that Fellows will participate in debates on their region, while gaining a broader understanding of the challenges and opportunities of a competitive yet interdependent world during their time at Chatham House.

Two Robert Bosch Fellowships are available for 2014/15 as part of the new Academy for Leadership in International Affairs at Chatham House (see page 5 for more information). The Fellows will be hosted by and based in the Russia and Eurasia Programme.

The application window for the 2014/15 Fellowships will be open until 13 September 2013. The first Fellowship will begin in January 2014, and the second in September 2014.

Chatham House

Chatham House, home of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, is a world-leading source of independent analysis, informed debate and influential ideas on how to build a prosperous and secure world for all. In January 2013, Chatham House was ranked the No.1 non-US think-tank, for the fifth consecutive year, and No.2 in the world, in the annual 'Global Go To Think Tanks' report.

The institute undertakes independent and rigorous analysis with the aim of setting the agenda and shaping policy by encouraging new ideas and forward thinking in international affairs. Chatham House research is structured around four departments: Area Studies and International Law; Energy, Environment and Resources; International Economics; and International Security.

The institute holds over 300 events per year, including major conferences, workshops, seminars and briefings. Many of these events take place under the Chatham House Rule, to allow expert discussion among policy stakeholders. Chatham House experts also offer special briefings in the UK Parliament, and give evidence to government officials and legislators in capitals around the world, including Beijing, Brussels, Delhi, Istanbul, London and Washington, DC.

Many Chatham House projects culminate in publications, including reports, briefing papers and journal articles. *International Affairs* is Chatham House's scholarly journal and the institute also publishes a bi-monthly magazine, *The World Today*. The Chatham House website, which offers access to all the institute's reports, papers and event transcripts, receives over one million individual visitors each year, while the institute's media profile is the highest of all UK-based policy institutes, with over 1,500 mentions, interviews and features in major national and international news outlets in 2011/12.

For more information on Chatham House, please visit: www.chathamhouse.org.

The Robert Bosch Stiftung

The Robert Bosch Stiftung is one of the major German foundations associated with a private company. It holds 92 per cent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH.

Established in 1964, it represents the philanthropic endeavours of Robert Bosch (1861–1942), focusing on the fields of science, health, international relations, education, society, and culture.

In Stuttgart, the Foundation maintains the Robert Bosch Hospital, the Dr Margarete Fischer-Bosch Institute for Clinical Pharmacology and the Institute for the History of Medicine.

Between 1964 and 2012, the Foundation made available 1.2 billion euros for projects. In 2012, approximately 69 million euros were spent on project funding.

For more information please visit: www.bosch-stiftung.de.

Robert Bosch Fellowships

Purpose

The Robert Bosch Fellowships will provide an opportunity for emerging leaders, researchers and opinion-makers to develop their skills and understanding of critical issues facing the countries of the Eastern Partnership and Russia, and to enable them to contribute to positive change in their home countries and the wider region.

Candidate background

Robert Bosch Fellowship candidates will be at an early stage of their career with a background in international relations, social sciences or economics, whether they come from academia, NGOs, business, government departments or the media. They should possess knowledge of, and an interest in, one of the policy-related challenges laid out in the 2014/15 research topics on page 6.

Expected outputs and activities

Robert Bosch Fellows will spend the majority of their time working on their personal research project. Fellows will have the opportunity to conduct research at Chatham House, including consultations with experts within the institute's extensive network. They will also be able to travel to undertake field research and interviews.

Projects will be supervised by the Head of the Russia and Eurasia Programme through regular one-on-one meetings. The Fellows will also be supported by the Programme Coordinator in any administrative or logistical tasks, such as travel arrangements for external meetings or organizing workshops at Chatham House.

Robert Bosch Fellows will also take part in a significant programme of personal development, comprising:

- a) Group tasks, including training in research methods, media skills, project management, presentations, leadership skills and networking opportunities; and regular attendance at Chatham House lectures, seminars and workshops.
- b) One-on-one mentoring, including advice on the Fellows' personal research projects and on career development.

Depending on the Fellows' past experience and areas of expertise, they will also be able to observe and participate in the wider activities of Chatham House.

The Fellows will be expected to:

- Write a peer-reviewed Chatham House publication based on their research; (the Institute will provide full support for dissemination)
- Present their findings at an expert roundtable event
- Participate as necessary in other research projects of the Russia and Eurasia Programme
- Participate fully in the annual Chatham House-Robert Bosch Stiftung Conference in January or February.

In the course of the Fellowship, the fellows will spend a two-week placement at a German think-tank in Berlin. Funds will also be available for the Fellows to conduct a research trip to the region associated with the project.

Timeline

The first Fellowship will run from January 2014 to September 2014, the second from September 2014 to May 2015. Candidates should indicate on the application form if they have a preference for either period. Candidates must be available to be based at Chatham House in London for the full duration of the Fellowship.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a Chatham House Robert Bosch Fellowship, candidates must:

- Be a citizen of **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia or Ukraine**
- Have a background in international relations, social sciences or economics
- Have a track record of research into the politics, economies and/or societies of Russia, Eastern Europe and/or the South Caucasus or European policy in this region
- Have a clearly defined area of research or policy interest which fits within one of the research topics outlined below (see page 6)
- Have excellent English writing and presentation skills; at a minimum the equivalent of IELTS band 7.0 or 100 on the internet-based TOEFL and 600 on the paper-based TOEFL.

The Academy for Leadership in International Affairs at Chatham House

The Royal Institute of International Affairs will establish a new Academy for Leadership in International Affairs at Chatham House, starting in September 2013.

The Academy will offer potential and established leaders from around the world the opportunity to spend up to twelve months as a Fellow at Chatham House in London. Fellows of the Academy will develop their thinking on the most pressing national and international challenges facing their countries and regions and work together to craft credible, innovative responses.

Based in the unique and neutral venue of Chatham House, the Academy will build on the institute's international reputation for independent thinking, cutting-edge research and informed debate. And it will take advantage of Chatham House's location in the heart of London, one of the world's most vibrant capital cities.

Nurturing a new generation of leaders

Established in 1920, the institute is approaching its centenary at a critical juncture in international affairs. The balance of economic and political power is shifting between the world's established and emerging powers. There are deepening levels of competition and continued threats to international prosperity and security. At the same time, governments and societies are seeking to take advantage of globalisation and technological advances while managing their increasing levels of interdependence.

There is an urgent need to help current and future generations understand the nature of these challenges and opportunities, the scope for national and institutional responses, and the differing approaches that individual governments and societies bring to them. Informed and enlightened statecraft and leadership will be essential in order to develop the national and international cooperation necessary to make progress in an interdependent but competitive world.

Fellows of the Academy for Leadership in International Affairs will undertake a personal research project, under the guidance of a Chatham House expert; receive mentoring and coaching as part of a unique leadership programme; and participate in the activities of one of the institute's research departments. Through their time with the institute, Fellows will also bring fresh, diverse voices from around the world into the institute's research and convening.

Fellows will be drawn from government and the broader policy community, the private sector, and civil society. Over time, the Academy's alumni will constitute an ever-expanding cadre of decision-makers capable of working together to find solutions to complex policy problems and seize opportunities for future international cooperation.

2014/15 Research Topics

There are 14 possible research topics for the 2014/15 Robert Bosch Fellowships.

The parameters for the research topics have been designed in broad terms to allow applicants to devise a project that appeals to their own research interests. Applicants may propose a research project that fits within any of the topics outlined below.

Candidates should indicate their chosen research topic on the application form.

The 2014/15 research topics are as follows:

RESOURCES AND POTENTIAL DRIVERS OF CHANGE

- Prospects for economic growth and modernization in Russia, Eastern Europe and the Caucasus
- Environment, resource management and energy cooperation in the region
- Science and technology policies

INTERNAL DYNAMICS

- Prospects for democratization in Russia, Eastern Europe and the wider Black Sea region
- The role of the media in the region
- Regional elites and networks of power
- Societal changes, inter-ethnic relations and non-state actors
- The relationship between citizens and the state
- Internal security, police and the judiciary

EXTERNAL ATTITUDES

- The future of EU's relations with Russia and/or the Eastern Partnership countries
- Patterns of cooperation and conflict between the West and Russia
- The future of Euro-Atlantic integration in Eastern Europe and the wider Black Sea region
- Security and the military sector
- Conflict resolution and security
- Prospects for intra-regional cooperation.

Beyond the Fellowships

Chatham House will maintain close contact with Fellows after the completion of their Fellowships. It is hoped that the Fellows will continue their career in and contribute to the development of their home countries and/or the wider Eurasian region and also continue their involvement with the institute.

Non-Resident Academy Fellowships

Chatham House will offer the opportunity for all Robert Bosch Fellows to hold Non-Resident Robert Bosch Academy Fellowships, as part of their involvement in the Academy for Leadership in International Affairs, in order to provide an affiliation with Chatham House and to reflect their ongoing connection and contributions to the institute.

Non-Resident Robert Bosch Academy Fellowship status will only be given to Fellows who have performed to a high level and satisfactorily completed the full range of requirements of the Fellowships during their time at Chatham House. The Non-Resident Fellowships will last for up to two years after the completion of a Robert Bosch Fellowship. This status will provide individuals with the opportunity to participate in the institute's research and other activities.

Chatham House Individual Membership

Each Fellow will receive complimentary individual membership of Chatham House for five years following the completion of the Fellowship.

For more details of the benefits of Chatham House membership, please visit:

<http://www.chathamhouse.org/membership/individual>.

Remuneration, Visas and Conditions

Remuneration and accommodation

Chatham House will provide a monthly stipend of the Sterling equivalent of €3,000 for the duration of the Fellowship.

In addition, the institute will cover one return trip to the UK and accommodation in a hotel on arrival (if required); and provide a budget for fieldwork and research-related travel during the Fellowship.

Successful applicants will receive assistance from Chatham House to find suitable accommodation in London for the duration of the Fellowship (if required).

Visa details

Chatham House will issue a Certificate of Sponsorship for successful candidates to apply for a Temporary Worker visa under **Tier 5** of the UK points-based system. This visa category:

- does not include sponsorship of any dependents (spouses, children or other family members)
- does not permit Fellows to stay in the UK beyond the duration of their Fellowship
- does not permit Fellows access to public funds while in the UK
- does not permit Fellows to undertake employment in the UK in addition to this Fellowship.

The Fellowships will be awarded regardless of candidates' existing financial circumstances. Candidates will not be required to show a level of savings or bank statements when applying for their visa. Chatham House will where necessary confirm to the UK Border Agency that Fellows will have sufficient maintenance for the duration of the Fellowship.

Chatham House will provide successful candidates with support and guidance during the visa application process.

Conditions of the Fellowships

Successful applicants will be asked to sign a 'Fellowship Agreement' before the Fellowship begins, which will outline the terms and conditions of the Fellowship, and any procedures for early conclusion of the Fellowship.

Participation in the Robert Bosch Fellowship Scheme will **not** lead to an offer of any kind of employment at Chatham House.

Selection Process

Two Fellowships will be awarded in 2014/15.

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Nationality eligibility requirements
- The relevance and clarity of the proposed research project, as demonstrated through the project proposal
- Relevant background experience, as demonstrated through the Curriculum Vitae
- Sufficient English-language ability, as demonstrated through an IELTS or TOEFL certificate (or equivalent) and submitted writing samples
- Motivation for undertaking the Fellowship and for contributing to the candidate's home country or region, as demonstrated through the post-Fellowship plan.

Following a review of applications, shortlisted candidates will be asked to participate in an interview on Skype. If necessary, Chatham House will provide an invitation letter for visa application purposes. The interview committee will be drawn from Chatham House senior management, external advisers and the Robert Bosch Stiftung.

Interviews will take place in mid-November 2013 and candidates will be informed of the outcome within three weeks of the interviews.

The decision of the interview committee is final and no appeals will be permitted. All candidates will be informed of the outcome of their applications by email.

How to Apply

Candidates must submit the following:

1. Completed application form (available on the Chatham House website)
2. Curriculum Vitae (**maximum two sides**)
3. Fellowship research project proposal (**maximum 1,000 words**)
4. Post-Fellowship plan to outline why the Fellowship will be useful to career goals and how candidates will utilise the experience for strengthening civil society in their home country or region (**maximum 400 words**)
5. One published writing sample in English (or English translation of their own work originally published in another language)
6. IELTS or TOEFL certificate or evidence of English-language proficiency.

The research proposal should outline the topic to be investigated and the likely methodology, and must explain the project's importance and policy relevance to the Russia and Eurasia region and/or the West. It should also describe any necessary fieldwork and provide a timeline of activities, to indicate how the proposed work would be completed during the Fellowship.

All files should be sent in PDF format to robertboschfellowships@chathamhouse.org.

Two letters of reference, at least one being academic, should be sent directly to Chatham House by referees before the application deadline.

All documents must be submitted in English.

The application deadline is 17:00 GMT, Friday 13 September 2013.

Incomplete or late applications, and applications which do not adhere to the criteria outlined above, will not be considered.

Contact Details

For further information, updates, or questions regarding the application process, please check the Robert Bosch Fellowships page on the Chatham House website or contact:

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