

EUROPAEUM SCHOLARS PROGRAMME FAQs

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ELIGIBILITY

I am not studying at a Europaeum University. Can I apply?

No. Only students studying at member of the Europaeum are eligible.

My research is not really concerned with Europe. Am I eligible?

It is very unlikely that you would be eligible if you do not have a clear European element to your research interests and if you were eligible you may not be competitive. We do, however, define Europe and European studies broadly. If you are in any doubt, please email euroinfo@europaeum.ox.ac.uk with a brief outline of your research interests for clarification.

What subject do I need to be studying in order to be eligible to apply?

Applicants' research must fall within the Humanities or Social Sciences. Subjects which are eligible include (but are not limited to): Anthropology, Area Studies, Art History, Cultural Studies, Economics, European Law, European Studies, Gender Studies, Geography, History, International Law, International Political Economy, International Relations, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, and Religious Studies/Theology.

I am not in the first or second year of my doctoral programme, am I still able to apply?

Possibly. All Scholars should have at least two years left on their doctoral programme. We expect all Scholars to be registered doctoral students for the duration of the Scholars Programme. If you are planning to submit your thesis in late 2019 you could still be eligible, but you would need to have a serious conversation with your supervisor about whether it would be viable to undertake the Scholars Programme at this point, as the final module of the Programme will be scheduled for the autumn of 2019 and will include a written output. It may not be viable for someone finishing off their thesis to take on this additional work.

I am a master's student, can I apply?

We would only consider applications from master's students in very exceptional circumstances and only with strong reassurances from your supervisor that you will complete doctoral studies.

I am a part time student, am I eligible to apply?

Yes. But we would strongly suggest that you talk to your supervisor about whether it is a good idea for you to apply and whether you would be able to manage the competing demands on your time if your application were to be successful.

I am a co-en-tuelle student. Am I eligible?

As long as you are studying at a Europaeum university then you could be eligible. You should ask your internal university contact this question, as practice may vary between Europaeum members. If the answer is yes, then please make sure that both of your supervisors are happy for you to apply.

APPLICATIONS

How do I apply?

Applications need to be submitted to both the Europaeum (euroinfo@europaeum.ox.ac.uk) and your home university. Please write 'Europaeum Scholars Programme Application' in the subject line of your email. A list of University contacts is available [here](#). If you are in any doubt, please double check with your university contact.

Please send everything as a single email to both addresses with the required document as attachments. For further details about and guidance on the documents you need to supply please consult the Europaeum Scholars section of our website: <https://europaeum.org/europaeum-scholars-programme/>

When do I need to apply by?

The deadline for most universities is 15 November 2017. A few universities have set a slightly later deadline and your university should have informed you if this is different to the 15 November. Details of internal deadlines are [here](#). If in doubt please contact your local university contact.

What documents do I need to include in my application?

Full details of what documents are required will be published on our website: <https://europaeum.org/europaeum-scholars-programme/>

Who should I ask to be a referee?

Full details of the references required and some guidance about how to ask to write them is available [here](#). Please note that personal references should NOT be written by family members. Please also note that one of your academic references MUST be from your doctoral supervisor. Any applicants who have not yet been allocated a supervisor should ask their academic advisor or whoever has had oversight of their postgraduate studies to date.

Who assesses my application?

Each university has an internal process for assessing applications (normally a committee) that will produce a short list of candidates that it recommends. The Europaeum also has a selection panel comprised of academics from across Europaeum member universities. The Europaeum's selection panel will assess the recommended applications and make the final selection decisions.

What happens after I apply?

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed via video conference or Skype before a final decision is made.

When will the interviews be held?

Interviews will be held via video conference or Skype on 13 and 14 December 2017.

When will I find out if I have an interview?

We will let you know in early December.

Who will interview me?

Applicants will be interviewed by members of the Europaeum selection panel, drawn from the Europaeum member universities.

What should I expect from the interview?

Interviews will test your suitability for the programme and to do so we will ask you about a range of topics. These may include, but are not limited to, the following areas: your ideas about good leaders and good leadership; your ideas about the public good; what you have or would like to do to promote the public good; your interest in Europe; and how your research relates to Europe. We may also ask you about what you have said in your application documents.

When will I find out if I have a place?

We will let you know on either 15 or 16 December if you are being offered a place on the programme.

Who are you looking for?

We are looking for people who “think for themselves but not just of themselves” with the capacity and the desire to shape the future of Europe for the better. They will combine academic excellence with a clear commitment to promoting the public good. Highly motivated and well-organised, they will have a strong interest in connecting the lessons that can be learned from academic research to the public arena.

What are the criteria that you will use to select Scholars?

Applicants should be enrolled on a relevant doctoral programme at a Europaeum university and their application should demonstrate:

- the support of their doctoral supervisor or professor with oversight of their academic progress if a doctoral supervisor has not yet been assigned and the support of their university
- a track-record of academic excellence
- evidence of a strong commitment to the public good
- evidence of a willingness to engage in interdisciplinary dialogue
- evidence that their research interests relate to Europe (broadly defined)
- evidence of a strong interest in connecting academic ideas with the world of policy making (broadly defined) and practitioners
- the potential of their doctoral work to contribute to debates about issues of contemporary concern within Europe (broadly defined)
- evidence of good interpersonal skills, particularly the ability or potential to work well as part of a team
- the potential to lead and motivate others
- an excellent command of English
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Will I be able to apply in 2018 for 2019?

No. Calls for applications will be sent out every 2 years. The next call is likely to be announced in the summer of 2019.

COSTS

Will I have to pay fees?

No. All Scholars will have the fees for the Scholars Programme paid.

Will I have to pay for accommodation and travel?

Scholars will have to book and pay for their own travel, but they will be reimbursed for all reasonable travel costs associated with attending the programme modules upon the production of receipts (i.e. economy travel). Please note that we will only reimburse claims for economy travel within Europe. We will not normally reimburse claims by students travelling to a module at their own university, e.g. an Oxford student travelling to the Oxford module in January. Accommodation will be booked and paid for by the programme.

Is this a fellowship that will give me an income?

No. This is a scholarship programme where the scholarship covers the costs of attending the programme and all tuition. It does not provide a salary or maintenance allowance.

THE PROGRAMME

When does the programme start?

The Scholars Programme will start in January 2018. Please note that successful applicants will be expected to arrive in Oxford by 18.30 on **2 January 2018**. Scholars will depart Oxford on 6 January.

How long does the programme run for?

The programme runs for 2 years and consists of 8 modules, each of which will be for between 3 and 5 days.

What is the language of instruction?

The Scholars Programme will be taught in English.

Where will I be taught?

Teaching will primarily take place in Geneva, Leiden, Oxford, and Prague. Some modules will take place in other locations. One of the unique features of the programme is its multi-institutional nature.

Who will I be taught by?

You will be taught by a range of experts, including academics affiliated with the Europaeum. There will also be sessions with external experts, leading thinkers, media experts and business people, and policy-makers.

Can I miss a module?

No. It is expected that Scholars attend all eight modules. You should not apply if you do not intend to or cannot commit to all eight modules.

What happens if I miss a module?

In normal circumstances we would not permit you to continue with the programme and we would inform your home university that you were no longer a part of the programme. We would not reimburse any money you had paid towards travel expenses for that module. Only in truly exceptional circumstances would we make exceptions.

When will the modules run?

The outline for the programme gives a rough indication of when each module will run. There will be four modules a year, each of between 3 and 5 days. There will be one in the winter (January), one in the Spring (March/April) one in the Summer (June/July) and one in the Autumn. We are in the process of finalising the remaining dates for the modules in year one. As part of this process we are consulting with members of the Europaeum to ensure that modules are not scheduled for dates when your attendance at your home university would be compulsory or when you would have a major commitment there.

Will I be expected to do work in between the modules?

No formal work will be required between modules. We would hope that Scholars would continue to think about the issues and problems they have encountered during the programme and would be in email contact about group projects. We would not be surprised if Scholars chose to do some work on their team projects in between meetings, but that will be up to the Scholars to decide.

Are the sources of the scholarship funding ethical?

Yes. A major donor is the Templeton World Charity Foundation; others are individuals who have already given to one or more major universities. They are all of impeccable quality.

My question is not answered here, who should I contact?

Please email europaeum.scholars@admin.ox.ac.uk. Someone will answer your question as soon as possible.