

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. A list of full member universities can be found here: <https://europaeum.org/about-us/members/>

(Please note that CEU is not a formal member and therefore CEU students are not 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 very broadly and if your research has considerable potential relevance for Europe or policy areas relevant to Europe then you could be eligible. 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, Languages, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, and

Religious Studies/Theology. Candidates whose research overlaps with the medical, life, or physical sciences with a policy dimension may be eligible to apply. Please contact the programme director in the event of any uncertainty.

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 full years left on their doctoral programme as 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 2021 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 two modules of the Programme will be scheduled for in the last 5 months of 2021 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 and receive a very strong result on your master's programme.

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 cotutelle 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 support your application – if your supervisor at the non-Europaeum university is not one of your referees please ask him/her to send a brief statement saying that they are happy for you to apply to europaeum.scholars@admin.ox.ac.uk.

I did not do very well in my undergraduate degree or my Master's degree. Can I still apply?

You can still apply, but we would discourage you from doing so as your application is highly unlikely to be competitive. Our [selection criteria](#) outline what we would expect to see as a minimum standard of prior academic achievement. If you do not reach this threshold you are unlikely to be successful in your application.

I am not really interested in leadership or policy. Am I eligible?

You may technically be eligible, but you are highly unlikely to make a competitive application. The Programme is designed for those interested in policy and leadership and our [selection criteria](#) take this into account. But just as importantly, you probably wouldn't enjoy the Programme and should think very carefully about whether applying would be the right thing for you.

APPLICATIONS

How do I apply?

Applications need to be submitted to both the Europaeum (.) and your home university. Please write 'Europaeum Scholars Programme Application' in the subject line of your email. 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/>
Please ask your referees to submit their references to us directly, copying in your university contact.

When do I need to apply by?

The deadline is midnight on **1 December 2019**.

What documents do I need to include in my application?

Full details of what documents are required are 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 who to ask to write them is available [here](#). Please note that your personal reference must NOT be written by a family member. Please also note that one of your academic references MUST be from your doctoral supervisor. If you have not yet been allocated a supervisor you should ask your academic advisor or whoever has had oversight of your postgraduate studies to date and to clearly indicate that they are writing as the director of your studies.

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 for interview. They will assess applications using the same selection criteria as all other universities. 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.

When will the interviews be held?

Interviews will be held via video conference or Skype in mid-February 2020. We will post the exact dates shortly. Please note that there will be no flexibility about this date range – if you are invited to interview your interview will need to be on one of the dates listed – but we will be as flexible as we can be within the date range.

When will I find out if I have an interview?

We will let you know in by the end of **January 2020**.

Who will interview me?

Applicants will be interviewed by members of the Europaeum selection panel, drawn from the Europaeum member universities. Each panel will also include a core member of Europaeum staff.

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 own experience of and interest in 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 and/or extracurricular interests relate 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 in **late February** if you are being offered a place on the programme. Candidates who have not been shortlisted will hear from us earlier.

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?

To be eligible applicants must be enrolled on a relevant doctoral programme at a Europaeum university. This should be in a Humanities or Social Science subject or be a joint degree including Humanities or a Social Science subject. The criteria for selection include outstanding academic ability, evidence of clear commitment to promoting the public good, and a high level of personal qualities that command respect. They are listed in [more detail here](#).

Will I be able to apply in 2020 for 2021?

No. Calls for applications will be sent out every 2 years. After the current call closes, the next call for applications will be for 2022.

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. If a Scholar is studying/researching outside Europe for a short period and needs to travel back for a module we will make a contribution to their travel, but may not refund the full cost. We will not normally reimburse claims by students travelling to a module at their own university, e.g. an Oxford student travelling to the first module in Oxford. Accommodation will be booked and paid for by the programme.

I need a visa to attend the first module in the UK. Will the Europaeum help me with the costs?

Yes. If you will need a visa to participate in the Programme, please contact us as soon as possible and make us aware of the situation so that we can help advise you on how to proceed and provide any necessary documentation.

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 April 2020. Please note that successful applicants will be expected to arrive in Oxford by 17.00 on 14 April 2020. Scholars will very likely depart Oxford on 19 April.

How long does the programme run for?

The programme runs for just under 2 years and consists of 8 modules, each of which will be for between 3 and 5 days. Scholars may have to arrive the evening before and/or the morning after a module in order to attend all of it.

What is the language of instruction?

The Scholars Programme will be taught in English.

What can I expect from modules?

Across the Programme, you can expect to hear from political leaders, policy makers and other leading practitioners as well as other experts, academics and those impacted by policy. Some modules will involve visits to regional, national, and/or international organisations, and smaller organisations such as NGOs, think tanks, and cultural institutions. A key feature of the programme is reflection on the ethical issues associated with leadership, which takes the form of both abstract and concrete group discussion and exercises with experts. Professional and academic training will also be offered in some modules. A significant proportion of each module will be comprised of group discussion and/or project work, as scholars work together in small groups to come up with a policy recommendation linked to a contemporary issue.

What would a group project look like?

Scholars come up with the project idea themselves with guidance from a post-doctoral fellow and the Europaeum team. So in theory they could tackle any subject. At the end of the programme this will need to be translated into a policy recommendation (which will be presented to policy makers) and a set of supporting documents of c.5000 words. The first cohort of scholars worked on a range of projects. One

group made a series of recommendation designed to alleviate the impact of energy poverty on vulnerable citizens. A second group set out to talk to individuals who felt disconnected to the EU and to understand what, if anything, might change their attitudes and increase their engagement. A third wanted to improve youth voter turnout in elections and ran a social media campaign to that end in relation to the 2019 European Parliamentary elections. And the fourth group investigated the EU's online public consultation tool and made recommendations for how to improve it.

Where will I be taught?

One of the unique features of the programme is its multi-institutional and multi-locational nature. Teaching is primarily based in our member universities. In 2020-2021 modules will certainly take place in Berlin, Geneva, Leuven, Helsinki, Krakow, and Oxford. Other modules will take place in other locations and this will vary from cohort to cohort.

Who will I be taught by?

You will be taught by a range of experts and policy makers. These include academics affiliated with Europeum member universities, external experts, leading thinkers, media experts and business people, and other stakeholders.

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. We will try to give Scholars as much notice of the dates of modules as possible and when planning the dates of any modules that have not yet been scheduled, will ask Scholars to let us know if there are any dates on which they already have unmissable commitments, which we will take into account as far as possible. For 2020-2021 we hope to fix the dates of as many modules as possible before the end of 2019.

Can I miss part of a module?

It is expected that Scholars will attend all elements of all modules in person and it is important to the aims of the Programme that Scholars do so. There may be exceptional circumstances in which a Scholar needs to leave a little early or arrive a little late and these can be negotiated on a case by case basis with the Programme Director. 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. We have this rule because collaborative work is at the heart of the Programme and for most of the activities we schedule being present in person is essential.

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. Roughly speaking these will take place in the Spring, Summer, and Autumn 2020, the Winter of 2020/2021 and the Spring, early Summer, late Summer and late Autumn of 2021. We will post confirmed dates as soon as possible. We are consulting with member universities to find out if there are any dates when PhD candidates absolutely have to be on campus and

will do everything in our power to avoid those dates. You should make your supervisor aware that if you are accepted on to the programme there may be some days during term/semester when you will be expected to be attending a module – unfortunately as our universities have slightly different vacation periods it is not possible to ensure that we never schedule a module during term somewhere.

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

Yes, you will be expected to do some work, but it should not be onerous. For some modules there will be some preparatory reading or exercises for the ethical workshops and training sessions. We might ask Scholars to spend a few hours preparing a presentation or short overview of their project ideas before other 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 with one another about group projects. The group work will be the main time commitment between modules and based on our experience with the first cohort this is likely to increase towards the end of the first year and into the second. The amount of time spent on the project is at the discretion of the Scholars and each project group should decide among themselves what they consider to be a reasonable and realistic time commitment between modules. We will discourage groups from taking on what we consider to be too much work in between modules.

Will I have time to see the city where the module is based?

Modules will be fairly intensive and it is not the purpose of the Programme to provide holidays. During some modules we will be moving between different locations, so you will get some sense of how the city fits together. While we may build visits to parts of the city into the schedule for a specific module if it fits with the aim of the module, you should assume that you will not have time to be a tourist during the module itself. Should you wish, however, there will be a little time before and after each module, as we would normally provide accommodation the evening before the module starts and the evening of the day that it finishes. We also occasionally schedule cultural visits during a module.

Are the sources of the scholarship funding ethical?

Yes. A major donor is the Templeton World Charity Foundation; others include 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.