



# Call for Applications: Teaching Fellow in Democracy and Citizen Engagement

## Europaeum Scholars Programme Teaching Fellow

The Europaeum is seeking to appoint a Teaching Fellow to assist with the delivery of the Europaeum Scholars Programme. An association of nineteen of Europe's leading universities, we have successfully brought together talented students and faculty working in the humanities and the social sciences for over thirty years through faculty collaboration, student exchange, joint teaching programmes, lectures and workshops, and student spring and summer schools. We believe that today, we need more not less international collaboration, more not less emphasis on universities engaging with the wider society, and more not less connection between the disciplines. And we believe that fresh cohorts of talented young people, committed to making a difference for the better, are essential to shaping the future of Europe for the better.

This is an exciting opportunity to work with some of the most talented doctoral candidates in Europe, helping us to deliver our world-class Scholars Programme, which is designed to produce a new generation of leaders, thinkers, and researchers who have the capacity to shape the future of Europe. The Programme runs for two years alongside Scholars' existing doctoral programmes. It places a strong emphasis on policy making (cultural, economic, political, social) and linking academics with practitioners from a range of different fields. Scholars selected for the programme have excellent academic track records and have a demonstrable interest in Europe and the public good. Further information about the programme and its aims is available here: <https://europaeum.org/programmes/scholars-programme/>

We are looking for an enthusiastic and knowledgeable individual who is keen to combine academia with the policy world. We already have a team of Teaching Fellows and wish to recruit one new Teaching Fellow with expertise in the field of democracy and citizen engagement. The successful applicant will work with an interdisciplinary team of 9 students on a policy-related project, the end result of which is a policy recommendation, primarily during short modules which are scheduled a few months apart. The successful applicant will help to facilitate group discussion and provide subject specific guidance. The group project on which they will be assisting is taking an innovative approach to encouraging greater citizen participation in democratic processes through gamification methods. Applicants with expertise in this specific area are encouraged to apply, but we would also welcome applications from those with expertise in democracy and citizen engagement in Europe more broadly.

In the first instance we are looking for an individual to join us in Geneva on 28 and 29 June 2023. Subject to performance, there is the possibility to work with the group on two subsequent occasions – in Lammi (near Helsinki) from 14 to 18 August 2023 and in Berlin from 25 to 27 September.

Remuneration will be £400 per full day or £200 per half day, and a small amount of preparatory work. Economy travel to and from the module locations from the candidate's home university would be reimbursed, and accommodation would be provided.

Teaching Fellows must either be employed by a [Europaeum member university](#) or have a strong connection to one and must be working in a Humanities or Social Science field.

Applications should be sent to [office@europaeum.org](mailto:office@europaeum.org) by **17 May 2023** and should consist of:

- A CV of not more than 6 pages
- A letter of application of not more than 2 pages setting out your suitability to moderate group discussion, your teaching philosophy, and the ways in which you see your research, teaching and other professional experience as potentially contributing to the project area outlined above.
- The names of two referees who have agreed to write in support of the applicant. Please note that we require one reference in advance. Please send your first referee a copy of this call for applications and ask them to send their reference directly to [office@europaeum.org](mailto:office@europaeum.org) by the deadline

Short listed applicants will be invited to a video or Zoom interview in the week commencing 22 May.

Informal enquiries about the role, eligibility, the project, etc. should be addressed to the Programme Director, Dr Tracey Sowerby ([scholarsprogramme.director@europaeum.ox.ac.uk](mailto:scholarsprogramme.director@europaeum.ox.ac.uk))

### **Europaeum Teaching Fellows Selection Criteria**

Candidates must be based at a Europaeum member university or, if working in another university or outside the Higher Education sector, be able to demonstrate a very strong connection to one. They must have a background in the Humanities or Social Sciences and have received a doctorate within the last seven years (excluding periods of parental leave) OR be of equivalent academic standing and have significant experience of policy making. They must have excellent written and oral communication skills in English.

Applications should demonstrate:

- A strong track record of excellence in research
- A strong track record of excellence in teaching; a track record of small-group teaching is especially desirable
- The ability to moderate group discussion effectively
- A strong interest in postgraduate development and training
- A track record of, or clear interest in, interdisciplinarity
- A strong interest in bridging academic research and non-academic fields of interest
- A good knowledge relevant to the field of citizen engagement and democracy
- Research and/or teaching expertise and/or professional experience with clear relevance to Europe

Applicants who demonstrate experience of helping students to develop group projects may be given preference. Experience of European institutions and/or policy making would be particularly desirable.

### **Europaeum Teaching Fellow in Democracy and Citizen Engagement: Job Description**

The primary role of the Europaeum Teaching Fellows in general is to facilitate and moderate small group discussion, usually of groups of 8 or 9 Scholars. The Scholars are doctoral candidates drawn from a range of Humanities and Social Science disciplines, meaning that such discussions will be multidisciplinary. The Scholars have now defined the area of their group projects. All projects have contemporary policy relevance and are identified, designed, and researched by the Scholars with guidance from the Teaching Fellows and Europaeum team. The primary role of the Teaching Fellow recruited during this call will be to work with a specific group to develop their project on democratic engagement further.

Teaching Fellows may also be asked to help with other aspects of the programme such as chairing talks and helping to provide skills training (if appropriate).

The profiles of Teaching Fellows who have helped to deliver the Scholars Programme since its inception in 2018 can be found here: <https://europaeum.org/fellows/>

Employment would initially be for the delivery of one module. Subject to performance, there will be opportunities to continue to work with the current cohort and potentially also future cohorts of Scholars. Teaching Fellows will be invited to join our recently established alumni network.