

# THE EUROPAEUM

## SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

2024-2025



“ This programme has exceeded all my expectations: what I have learnt about Europe, about other people and about myself; the group work was demanding and fulfilling in equal amounts; and the friendships are amazing. I would do it all over again “

# IS THIS FOR YOU?

Are you are interested in shaping the future of Europe? If so, and if you are a doctoral student in the Humanities or Social Sciences and whose research relates to European Studies (broadly defined) then this could be the programme for you.

The Europaeum Scholars Programme offers a unique opportunity to be part of a network of some of the brightest people of your generation. You will be able to connect your doctoral research with the world of policy making, to draw on the combined resources of eighteen Europe's leading universities, to learn how to work as a team (and what leading a team involves), and to understand the complexity of policy making. You will learn more about yourself.

European Scholars are people who “think for themselves, but not just of themselves”. They are people with the capacity and the desire to create a better future for Europe, who 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.

If this sounds like you – read on.

**“What appeals to me about the Europaeum is that it transcends Brexit by working right across Europe. In particular, the teaching venues of the new programme will offer students radically different perspectives”**  
**Pascal Lamy, Former European Commissioner for Trade and Director-General of the WTO**



# WHAT THE SCHOLARS SAY?

“I am grateful for the positive impact that this is having on me. I am learning from every single exchange and dialogue... it is a different way of learning together and engaging with our everyday world... learning to cultivate ourselves to openness, friendship and engagement. “

“There have been many benefits of the Programme ... working with and befriending an international group of other PhD students; receiving training that will support my career development; networking and debating with leading scholars and practitioners; and visiting various NGOs, research centres and policy institutions across Europe. “



“It is really an incredible experience: gaining a real multidisciplinary experience, improving my skills in so many fields, meeting so many interesting people and so having an extraordinary opportunity for networking ... Last but not least, the teamwork presents the most essential part of this all: putting all the experience and knowledge gained into practice, combined with ethical and moral issues... To be honest, I am really overwhelmed! “

# THE PROGRAMME

The prime aim of the Europaeum Scholars Programme is to engage academic thinking with policy making and to produce a new generation of leaders, thinkers and researchers with the capacity to meet the cultural, political and societal challenges facing Europe today.

Scholars attend seven modules and a conference over two years while studying for their existing degrees. Being multi-locational and multi-institutional, the programme draws upon the resources of all the Europaeum university members. Scholars hear from Europaeum affiliated academics together with a wide range of external experts and leading thinkers. They visit key European and international institutions where they learn about how these function in conversation with practitioners and policy makers. There are opportunities to directly engage with people facing some of the most difficult circumstances in contemporary society. By the end you will emerge with knowledge and a set of skills and contacts equal to any group anywhere.

At its core, the Scholars programme involves multidisciplinary team work engaged in problem solving within the context of contemporary Europe. Scholars work intensively in small groups on a policy project that they identify, design and develop under the guidance of a mentor. Each team's policy recommendations are assessed by a panel of external experts, and there is the potential for publication of the best.

Each scholar is fully funded by a scholarship worth €12,000 per annum for two years. This covers full accommodation, travel, food and all tuition, but does not provide a stipend. A maximum of 36 places is available.

## BENEFITS INCLUDE

**Learning** how to collaborate in a multidisciplinary team

**Developing** key leadership skills for success in the public or private sectors

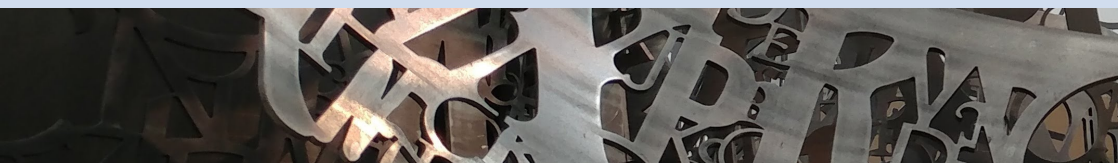
**Networking** with scholars and academics from leading European universities and a wide variety of non-academic stakeholders

**Hearing** from a range of professionals involved in shaping policy in Europe

**Experiencing** several other European universities in addition to your own

**Training** that utilises the best professional training schemes<sup>7</sup>

**The ability** to 'stand out' in the increasingly saturated job market for graduates





# MODULES AND LOCATIONS

The Programme will start In March 2024 and proceed as set out below. Scholars must attend all meetings in full. Before applying, candidates must ensure that they can manage all the dates. Please consult the Europaeum website for final details.

The Programme balances a syllabus of broad topics for certain modules with sufficient flexibility to incorporate the interests of the individuals chosen to be part of the cohort. The contents of the modules are structured so that there is progression through the leadership, ethical, and training strands of the programme, as well as enabling organic group project development. Each module will last between 3 and 5 days. Project work will increase proportionally throughout the modules.

YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO
<b>1 OXFORD (11-14 March)</b> <i>Introduction to Europe, Leadership &amp; Societal Problems</i>	<b>5 Tbc (tbc February)</b> <i>Technology &amp; Policy</i>
<b>2 BRUSSELS (24-27 June)</b> <i>European Policy &amp; Institutions</i>	<b>6 GENEVA (16-19 June)</b> <i>Global Governance &amp; the Transatlantic Relationship</i>
<b>3 BUDAPEST (26-29 August)</b> <i>Democracy in Europe</i>	<b>7 HELSINKI ( 11-15 August)</b> <i>Intensive Project Work</i>
<b>4 KRAKOW (9-12 December)</b> <i>Skills &amp; Project Development</i>	<b>8 BRUSSELS (tbc October)</b> <i>Scholar Presentations to the Policy World &amp; Europaeum Alumni Gathering</i>

The details above may be subject to change due to forces beyond our control. Please consult the Europaeum website for the most up to date information. The dates of modules 5 and 8 will be published by early November.



# HOW TO APPLY

In order to apply you must be enrolled on a doctoral programme at one of the participating Europaeum universities (excluding KU Leuven) AND be pursuing research related to European Studies (broadly defined) in the Humanities or Social Sciences OR have very strong extra-curricular interests in European affairs. Applications will be considered from doctoral students studying joint degrees which overlap with the physical, life, or medical sciences, especially where their work concerns European policy.

All applicants must have the support of their home university and their doctoral supervisor. At the point of applying, candidates should normally have at least two years left on their doctoral programme and have an excellent command of English. Applicants also need to be entirely confident that they will be able to attend all the modules of the programme and that they have enough time to be full participants.

Applications should be made by email both to the candidate's home university and the Europaeum Office and must be received by 26 November 2023. Applications must include evidence of academic record, a personal statement, a short answer to our questions (posted online), two academic references (one of which should be from the applicant's supervisor), one leadership reference, one personal reference, and a CV.



# THE EUROPAEUM

The Europaeum is an association of 19 of Europe's leading universities. Founded by the University of Oxford in 1992, our aim is to foster collaboration between leading European research universities and to facilitate tripartite dialogue between academics, students and the public and private sectors. We do this through our spring, summer and winter schools, workshops, policy seminars, debates, joint MA programmes, and the Scholars Programme. We also offer a small number of bursaries for student exchanges between some of our member universities.

The Europaeum fundamentally believes in the need for more international collaboration with greater emphasis on universities engaging with wider society. As part of this we seek to support fresh cohorts of talented young people, committed to making a difference, and who will be the essential building blocks to shaping the future of Europe for the better. This goal is at the heart of the Europaeum Scholars Programme.



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# MORE INFORMATION

For more information or any questions, please consult our website, which has an extensive list of FAQs

<https://europaeum.org/>

If your query is not answered there, please contact the Programme Director, Dr Tracey Sowerby:  
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“A great opportunity to meet people from all over the world. It is a chance to broaden your horizons academically and socially.”

“A model for what meaningful collaboration can look like”

“In my experience, the Europeaum Scholars Programme is a fantastic opportunity for personal growth”

“the Programme has widened my horizons—both in terms of the people I've met, and the knowledge I've gained”

