

BERTELSMANN FOUNDATION

# Fellowship

WASHINGTON D.C.  
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**Bertelsmann Foundation Fellowship 2022:  
A Transatlantic Approach to the Developing World**

The 2022 Bertelsmann Foundation Fellowship will convene staffers from the European Parliament and German Bundestag along with U.S. federal and state government representatives and select non-governmental organizations for a 3-month hybrid exchange on forging equitable partnerships between the U.S., the EU, and countries in the developing world.

Over the course of the program, fellows will meet virtually with diverse, high-level stakeholders from various governments to discuss policymaking related to the transatlantic relationship and the developing world. Participants will also meet with industry stakeholders, civil society, academia, and subject-matter experts. In addition to virtual meetings, fellows will complete reading, writing, and research culminating in a final publication, to be published in December 2022. This publication provides fellows an opportunity to publish their insights and policy recommendations for the future of the transatlantic relationship and the developing world. The 2021 publication can be viewed [here](#).

The Bertelsmann Foundation will select six public sector participants, evenly divided among the U.S. and Europe, and two private sector or academic participants from the U.S. and Europe. If global health circumstances permit, fellows will convene in-person traveling to both Brussels and Washington DC to enrich their fellowship experience. Should travel occur, the Bertelsmann Foundation will cover travel, accommodation, transportation, meal, and incidental costs of the program.

Individuals with backgrounds in the following or similar fields are encouraged to apply:

- Foreign Policy
- International Aid Development
- Public Health
- Migration Policy

If interested in learning more about the Fellowship itself, [watch this short video](#).

Applicants should be in senior positions and have experience and expertise relevant to the subject of the fellowship. To apply, send your resume to Manager of Transatlantic Relations, Chloe Laird at [chloe.laird@bfna.org](mailto:chloe.laird@bfna.org)

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## FELLOWSHIP EXPECTATIONS:

The Fellowship will take place during the months of June, July, September and the beginning of October 2022. These sessions will be held on Zoom each week. Prior to the weekly sessions, fellows will be expected to read a short article or engage with alternative forms of media that shed light on the topics selected. Each session will be centered around an umbrella topic relevant to the developing world and the transatlantic relationship. The topic will then be illuminated by a specific country case study to provide the fellows practical depth into the topic at hand. Sessions will occur once a week for an hour and fifteen minutes, with experts presenting the case studies, followed by a Q & A period driven by the fellows. Sessions will be moderated by the fellows on a rotating basis and assigned ahead of time.

In addition to the virtual sessions and readings, fellows will travel to Brussels and Washington to participate in meetings with those who are shaping policy across the developing world. If global health circumstances allow, travel to Brussels will occur the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be a five-day trip (6/6-6/10) with various expert sessions and experiences that will provide a foundation upon which the Fellowship will be built. Travel to Washington D.C. will occur the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be a five-day trip (9/18-9/22) with various expert sessions as well as peer-review working groups among the fellows for their upcoming publication. If travel occurs, fellows will need to comply with local COVID-19 protocols. Fellows will be expected to research and write a 1500-word policy brief providing concrete recommendations for the transatlantic relationship to engage constructively with the developing world. This collaborative publication will be released in December 2022.

## BREAKDOWN:

- ➔ *Virtual Weekly Sessions with selected transatlantic experts*
- ➔ *Travel to Brussels & Washington DC with in-person sessions*
- ➔ *Publication Release*

## SAMPLE SESSION:

### GENERAL TOPIC: HEALTH & THE DEVELOPING WORLD

CASE STUDY: Ebola Outbreak in West Africa & relating it to the current rollout of COVID-19 Vaccines.

- *What are the lessons learned for the international community?*
- *Where can the transatlantic relationship invest in medicine that will guarantee equitable access?*

## ADDITIONAL THEMES THE FELLOWSHIP WILL EXPLORE:

- ➔ Economic Development
- ➔ Demographic Trends
- ➔ Security
- ➔ Science & Technology