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WASHINGTON D.C.
DECEMBER 2022
CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

**Bertelsmann Foundation Fellowship 2023:
Setting a Transatlantic Agenda: The Future of Work**

OVERVIEW

The 2023 Bertelsmann Foundation Fellowship will convene staffers from the European Parliament and German Bundestag along with U.S. federal and state government representatives and select private sector individuals for a 4-month hybrid exchange on the future of work.

Over the course of the program, fellows will meet with diverse, high-level stakeholders from various governments to discuss this theme. Participants will also meet with industry stakeholders, civil society, academia, and subject-matter experts. In addition to virtual and in-person meetings, fellows will contribute to a publication with an expected release date of December 2023.

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. Fellows will convene in-person traveling to both Brussels and Washington DC to enrich their fellowship experience. 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:

- Labor
- Foreign Policy
- Digitization
- Migration Policy

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FELLOWSHIP EXPECTATIONS:

The Fellowship will take place during the months of May, June, July and September 2023. Fellows will travel to Washington D.C. the week of May 14th 2023. This will be a six-day trip (5/14-5/20) with various expert sessions.

Virtual sessions will be held on Zoom each week in June and July. 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 a specific angle related to the umbrella topic of the future of work. Sessions will occur once a week for a single hour, with experts providing short presentations, 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.

Fellows will then travel to Brussels the week of September 24th. This will be a six-day trip (9/24- 9/30) with various expert sessions and experiences.

Fellows will be expected to contribute to a publication with an expected release date of December 2023.

Final agenda details will be provided a month before the fellowship is set to start. The aim is to provide a comprehensive vision of the future of work. Potential themes or topic areas include, but are not limited to:

- *Skilled and Unskilled Labor in Markets*
- *Urban versus Rural Divides in Labor Markets*
- *The role of Technology in the Future of Work*
- *New Ways of Working: The Four Day Work Week, Hybrid Work*
- *Gender & Labor*
- *Circular Migration Trends & Labor*

BREAKDOWN:

- ➔ Virtual Weekly Sessions with selected transatlantic experts
- ➔ Travel to Brussels & Washington DC with in-person sessions
- ➔ Final publication

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ELEGIBILITY

Applicants for this exchange program must:

- Be mid-level to senior in their positions and have experience and expertise relevant to the subject of the fellowship
- Be able to actively participate in the virtual and travel components
- Contribute to the final publication
- Have sufficient knowledge of English

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, please send a CV (in English) as well as short writing sample (less than a thousand words, in English) by e-mail to the Bertelsmann Foundation Manager of Transatlantic Relations, Chloe Laird: chloe.laird@bfna.org

Once your resume is received, a short application will be sent for you to complete. Finalists will be interviewed early February. Final decisions will be made by February 24th 2023.

Resumes should be submitted no later than February 2nd 2023.

If interested in learning more about the Fellowship itself, [watch this short video](#). Past program details can be found on [our website](#).