

Academy Asfari Fellowships

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The House has also given its name to the famous Chatham House Rule, first established in 1927 and revised twice since. The Rule is used around the world to ensure free and open debate.

The Academy Asfari Fellowships are designed to bring together potential leaders from civil society, the public and private sectors in the Middle East, for between six and twelve months at Chatham House. The fellowships will run from either September 2014 (fellows or senior fellows) or February 2015 (senior fellows only). The deadline for applications is 1 June 2014.

Fostering leadership in international affairs

The Academy Asfari Fellowships are part of Chatham House's new Academy for Leadership in International Affairs, established in September 2013.

Academy Asfari Fellowships offer fellows the opportunity to develop innovative responses to the most pressing national and international challenges facing their region. With the potential for publication, and under the guidance of a Chatham House expert, fellows will also contribute to the work within a Chatham House department or programme.

Academy fellows and senior fellows

Over a period of six to twelve months, fellows will have the opportunity to participate in the Academy's leadership programme and to undertake a research project in one of the five key research areas (see overleaf). Through the comprehensive programme, all fellows will advance their leadership skills, extend their global networks and work with distinguished practitioners.

- **Academy fellows** – open to mid-career individuals, Academy fellows will bring fresh insights to debates on critical issues for their region.
- **Academy senior fellows** – with at least eight years' postgraduate experience, the senior fellows will bring new ideas and perspectives to international policy debates, based on their expertise.



Chatham House provided me with a perfect opportunity for intellectual work on issues that matter to me as a diplomat. The combination of an international policy institute in the heart of London and experts meeting to exchange views on issues that define the international agenda, makes Chatham House an ideal place to develop policy-relevant ideas.

Staffan Hemra

Chatham House Visiting Fellow, Europe
(March–October 2011)

At Chatham House I was able to develop my skills in analytical thinking and tailor my writing to different audiences. The institute's high research standards, wide networks and strong links with the media provide excellent opportunities for young researchers to improve their research skills.

Orysia Lutsevych

Robert Bosch Fellow (2012)

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Research topics

Fellows will undertake research within their area of interest and expertise – focusing on one of the research topics outlined below. They will be hosted by and based in one of three research teams at Chatham House: International Security, Global Health Security or Middle East and North Africa.

Research topics with the International Security Department:

- **The impact of insecurity on young people in the Middle East**
- **Security for the displaced (internal and external)**

Research topics with the Middle East and North Africa Programme:

- **Developments and changes in Palestine**
- **New actors and civil society**

Research topics with the Centre on Global Health Security:

- **Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)**

Who can apply?

The fellowships are open to individuals who are citizens of Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria (preferably resident in the region).

Candidates should be engaged in, or working with, civil society in these countries, whether they come from academia, NGOs, business, government departments, the professions or the media.

Further information

The application window for the fellowships is from 1 April 2014 until Sunday 1 June 2014. The 12-month fellowships will begin in September 2014. Senior fellows, spending six months at Chatham House, can start either in September 2014 or February 2015. Fellows will receive a monthly stipend and funding to cover basic living expenses.

Further information and application details can be found at:

www.chathamhouse.org/asfarifellowships

For further information on the Academy for Leadership in International Affairs, please visit: **www.chathamhouse.org/academy**