Charlemagne Prize ACADEMY

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

FELLOWSHIP 2024/25

💶 Grant of 20,000 € / Research Project

🕐 1 year (Nov 2024 - Oct 2025)

Do you have innovative ideas for Europe's future and want to implement a creative research project that addresses a pressing, unanswered question? The Charlemagne Prize Foundation invites young researchers, professionals, artists and thinkers from all fields to apply for our 2024/25 Fellowship Programme, a unique opportunity to embark on a year-long research project supported by a research grant of €20,000 and networking options. The Fellowship aims to promote forward-thinking inquiry that tackles critical challenges and seizes opportunities for the continent, fostering both intellectual and practical advancements.

Who are we looking for?

- young talents of all fields and disciplines with an innovative project idea related to the future of Europe
- postgraduate degree (preferably Master or equivalent)
- younger than 35 years of age
- professional English language skills (minimum C1)
- citizen of an EU member state or temporary resident in Europe

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Application Period: 10 July - 11 August 2024
Application Portal: https://www.charlemagneprizeacademy.com/apply-now

When contemplating the future, we often envision the transformation of existing spaces and structures, developing concepts and innovations that aim to expand and improve what already exists. This year, we seek inspiration on how we can utilise and shape the new spaces emerging from these innovations and transformations, whether within the broader European context or in more localised areas.

As part of our Fellowship programme, we invite project ideas that explore the scientific, creative, societal, political, economic, or sustainable use of various spaces in Europe. This includes questions ranging from how European architecture can align with goals for greater sustainability and security, how institutional and parliamentary spaces can further deepen democracy and transparency, how we can challenge existing spaces in the context of EU enlargement and integration, and extend beyond internal design to diplomatic and cooperative spaces that underscore Europe's role as an international and competitive actor.

The following points are intended to inspire and stimulate research projects that we would be delighted to support with a research grant in the upcoming academic year:

- **Urban and Rural Spaces**: How can we reimagine cityscapes and rural areas to foster sustainable growth, inclusivity, and resilience? How can we integrate green spaces, smart infrastructure, and community-centric designs that enhance the quality of life for all inhabitants?
- **Digital and Sci-Fi Spaces:** With the rise of digital technologies and the exploration of the Metaverse and extraterrestrial spaces, how can Europe find its role in using the potential of this transformation? What will Europe's future look like through pushing the boundaries of traditional concepts, for example, in the areas of smart cities, digital twins, or space habitats?
- **Sustainability Concepts:** Addressing the climate crisis is imperative. How can architectural designs contribute to Europe's sustainability goals, f.e. through energy efficiency, sustainable materials, or eco-friendly planning? What else is needed to minimise environmental impact, promote green living, and reach globally defined ambitions?
- **Security Architecture**: In a world facing increasing security threats, how can we shape resilient environments for our critical infrastructure? What institutional and military designs will be necessary to safeguard public, economic, and political stability?
- **Strategic Foreign Policy of the EU:** The question of shifts in power, alliances, and coalitions for Europe remains pertinent – extending beyond the G20 and including the Global South. Where can the EU position itself in the international arena and remain a powerful global actor?
- **The EU as an Integrative Space**: Looking at and beyond European border spaces, what strategies can the EU employ to enhance its integrative capabilities? What role should Europe play in its neighbourhood and how do we address current external challenges? What approaches are still missing in the decades-long history of EU integration, and which models could balance further unification with the potentials and risks of additional enlargement into the European political, economic, and cultural space? And what discussions are there to be had regarding enlargement models within the EU, particularly concerning the forms of potential future memberships?
- **Room for Democracy:** With populist, authoritarian, or anti-European movements on the rise, Europe's major task for the near future will be to secure its democratic values. How can we make room for greater discourse, foster dialogue and participation, and create increased transparency within the EU's internal structures, while simultaneously enhancing structures for international collaboration and diplomatic spaces?

About the Programme

As a contribution to European integration and to promote knowledge exchange within the 'Generation Europe,' the Academy aims to identify future challenges and, by awarding annual research fellowships, to develop solutions at an early stage. Innovative approaches are to be linked with decision-making as well as promoted through financial support of €20,000.

In accordance with the objectives of the Charlemagne Prize, the programme aims to promote unity in Europe, mutual understanding between peoples, and the rooting of the European idea in all areas of society.

How to Apply?

Please submit a brief but compelling research proposal outlining the significance of your research question, the methodology, and ideas for the project's content development and execution. Include a description of the creative and research-oriented outputs that will be useful for both the academic community and the general public. Additionally, we look forward to receiving your CV and a short cover letter.

The Fellowship programme is open to all research projects and disciplines that offer concrete, innovative, and feasible approaches to address the complex and interdisciplinary challenges in a European context. We highly encourage young scholars under the age of 35, young professionals, or employees of scientific, political, or public institutions to submit their research proposals for the research year 2024/25 latest by August 11th.

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