

Junior and Senior Core Fellowships 2025/26

Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University

Call for Applications

Deadline for Application: 2 September 2024

The Institute for Advanced Study at CEU (IAS CEU) is pleased to invite applications for its **Core Junior and Senior Fellowship programs** for the academic year 2025/26. Fellowships are available in all research areas of the social sciences and humanities, broadly defined. Fellowships run for the full 9-month period (October–June), for the 3-month short fall semester (October–December), the 5-month fall semester (October–February) or the 6-month spring semester (January–June).

Each year, IAS CEU selects some twenty fellows for its fellowship programs. Fellows are chosen through a rigorous selection process, which includes stages of pre-selection and peer reviews as well as a final decision made by an independent, interdisciplinary, and international Selection Committee. The Institute is committed to the pursuit of cutting-edge interdisciplinary scholarship and will seek innovative research proposals. Young scholars with demonstrable promise of excellence will be considered; established senior scholars are expected to have solid records of first-rate scholarship. All disciplines within this remit are welcome. A primary criterion for selection is the expectation that each fellow's stay at the Institute will yield original and significant research results.

IAS CEU is an independent Institute for Advanced Study based at the Budapest site of Central European University. CEU operates at two locations, with the main campus in Vienna and several research institutes and centers in Budapest. Located in the heart of one of Central Europe's most attractive cities, IAS CEU seeks to benefit from this arrangement and to be part of the rich academic life and research generated in both places. The Budapest site hosts, besides the IAS, a part of the CEU Library, the Blinken OSA Archivum, the Democracy Institute, the Center for Ethics and Law in Biomedicine, and the Summer University (SUN), as well as

various research units and non-degree education programs. For further information, please refer to the Institute's website at <https://ias.ceu.edu>.

The Institute and the Budapest site provide a stimulating environment in which fellows can devote themselves to research and writing, and share their work with peers through weekly seminars and other community activities. Fellows have access to all CEU facilities, including seminar and conference space, computer services, and library resources. They benefit from CEU's international atmosphere, its strong regional ties in Central and Eastern Europe, and its international scholarly networks. CEU facilitates the fellows' engagement with the university of CEU, Vienna and with Hungarian and Austrian, regional and international scholarly communities by encouraging collaborative projects, organizing joint public lectures and related activities.

Scholars at IAS CEU receive a monthly stipend and accommodation in the Raoul Wallenberg Guesthouse, located in the Castle district and in close proximity to CEU's Budapest site. Fellows are expected to reside in Budapest during their fellowship, participate in the intellectual life of the Institute, and pursue their research agenda.

Eligibility, qualifications, experience

- Applicants must hold a Ph.D. or equivalent in the social sciences or humanities *at the time of their application*.
- Only those with publications in internationally recognized scholarly outlets will be considered.
- Junior fellows must have obtained a Ph.D. degree issued in 2017 or later and must apply for the junior fellowship. Candidates who obtained their Ph.D. before 2017 are considered "senior" and must apply for the senior fellowship.
- Full time CEU employees and students are not eligible to apply for 5 years after the end of their studies/contract (degrees must have been received and contracts must have ended by December 31, 2019 or earlier).
- Part-time/temporary employees of CEU are not eligible for 1 year after their contract ends (their contract must have ended by December 31, 2023 or earlier).

- Former fellows of IAS CEU are not eligible to apply again for a period of 7 years. Applications at an earlier stage may be considered only in exceptional cases.
- Reapplication is possible only 3 times within a period of 5 years.
- Applicants are expected to be able to communicate fluently in English as this is the working language of the Institute and CEU.

Terms and conditions

Senior fellows receive a net monthly stipend of 2,600 Euros and junior fellows receive a net monthly stipend of 1,500 Euros to help support their stay in Budapest. In addition, all fellows and their families receive housing at the [Raoul Wallenberg Guesthouse](#). Utilities at the Guesthouse will be charged to the Fellows. Fellows are also responsible for their own travel and health care provisions.

How to apply:

The deadline for application is **2 September 2024**.

All applications must be submitted through our online application system. This year's application form will be open starting from 10 July 2024.

Step 1: Prepare your **application package**: create a **single pdf file** no larger than 12 MBs containing all your application documents. The name of the pdf file should contain your name and the type of fellowship you are applying to. Example: Doe, Jane_Senior Core.pdf OR Doe, John_Junior Core.pdf

Your **application package** should contain the following documents. Only applications using the requested format and word counts will be considered for review:

1. A letter of intent (max 1,500 words)
2. The abstract of your research project (max. 150 words)
3. A description of your research project (min. 1,000 - max. 2,500 words; the reference list is not included in the word count)
4. A CV (max. 5 pages)

5. A list of your most important publications, including up to 5 items for junior applicants and up to 15 items for senior applicants (please do not include full text articles!)
6. References: for junior applicants ONLY: the name and email address of two referees (for potential reference).

Step 2: Go to the IAS CEU **Application Form** for the Academic Year 2025/26 by clicking on the following link:

https://sits.ceu.edu/urd/sits.urd/run/siw_sso.go?IAS-FELLOW_APPLICATION-cX8fQOej1ug5mNF2FmqCG8QP56l,

and fill in all your data as required.

Step 3: As a final step, **upload** your application package (pdf file), and **submit** your application.

Please note that you cannot save your work and continue filling in the form at a later time, so you are asked to submit your application when you have all information and materials ready! Incomplete forms, or applications submitted in any other way than what is described in this Call will not be considered.

Please note that incomplete applications, when either the webform is not filled in or the pdf application package is not included, will not be considered. Upon successful submission, you will receive an automated email confirmation of receipt of your application.

Please also note that if you wish to apply to IAS for more than one fellowship type, you should fill in and send a separate application for each (choosing the relevant category each time in “Fellowship type”).

All applications must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. (CET) on 2 September 2024.**

Successful candidates will be informed between late January and February 2025. All others will be notified of the result of the evaluation process by the end of March 2025 the latest. **Please kindly note that the IAS will not share the results of the evaluation process (reviews, scores) with the applicants.**

For further information regarding your application and for more info on IAS CEU, please visit: <http://ias.ceu.edu>. Questions and comments may be sent to IAS_applications@ceu.edu.

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