

## Global Institute for Advanced Study

Budapest

**The Global Institute for Advanced Study (GIAS) at Central European University invites applications from early-career scholars in the field of humanities and social sciences to its two-year residential **Junior Fellowship Program**.**

Fellowships will be awarded for two consecutive academic years starting in September 2022. Fellows will be expected to reside in Budapest during the first year of the program (AY 2022/23), and then spend the second year (AY 2023/24) in residence at one of the select partner colleges or universities of the Open Society University Network.

### Why apply?

The **GIAS Junior Fellowship Program** offers:

- extended access to GIAS resources at CEU and OSUN-wide (scholarly network, libraries, archives, and capacity building opportunities)
- residence at GIAS in Budapest (Hungary) during the **first year** of the program
- support for residence at an OSUN partner university in the **second year** of the program
- support for field research, writing, and public engagement

### Who can apply?

- Applications are welcome from candidates enrolled at or employed by an institution of higher education without limitations as to the geographic location of that institution. Affiliates and alumni of OSUN institutions are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must
  - **either** have obtained a PhD degree not earlier than September 2015,
  - **or** be advanced PhD students in the final stage of their dissertation work,
  - **or** possess a graduate degree, be in a junior teaching position, and maintain an active research profile.
- Applications will primarily be assessed based on the originality, quality, and rigor of the research proposals.
- Applicants are expected to be able to communicate fluently in English, the working language of GIAS. While GIAS welcomes the publication of the

Fellows' research in languages other than English, it is vital that Fellows provide access to their research in English, to facilitate scholarly dialogue.

## Selection

GIAS fellows are chosen through a rigorous selection process, where the final decision is made by an independent, interdisciplinary, and international **Academic Advisory Board**. The Institute is committed to the pursuit of cutting-edge scholarship from all disciplines in the humanities and the social sciences and will seek research proposals with innovative approaches to current social, political, economic, and other challenges facing communities, regions, and the world. Proposals on [themes prioritized by OSUN](#) are encouraged, but not a requirement for the application.

## The structure of the program

- **Year 1** (academic year 2022/23):

Fellows are expected to reside in Budapest for a period of 10-12 months between September 2022 and August 2023 (optimally starting in September 2022). They will participate in the intellectual life of the Institute and pursue their research projects. GIAS will contribute to the Fellows' academic capacity building, with focus on research-related skills, such as research design, academic writing and presentation, and integration of research in teaching and learning.

- **Year 2** (academic year 2023/24):

Fellows are expected to reside at one of the following partner universities or colleges of the Open Society University Network:

- [Al-Quds University / Al-Quds Bard College of Arts and Sciences](#) (Palestine)
- [American University of Beirut](#) (Lebanon)
- [American University in Bulgaria](#)
- [American University of Central Asia](#) (Kyrgyzstan)
- [Ashesi University](#) (Ghana)
- [BRAC University](#) (Bangladesh)
- [European Humanities University](#) (Lithuania)
- [National Sun Yat-sen University](#) (Taiwan)
- [Universidad de los Andes](#) (Colombia)
- [University of the Witwatersrand](#) (South Africa)

The fellowship will support residence in the second year at any of the above institutions. Candidates applying from any of these institutions may choose to spend the second year in residence at an institution other than their own.



Fellows are expected to secure a **preliminary commitment for substantial affiliation** (employment, teaching assistantship, internship, fellowship, etc.) with an academic unit of one of the institutions listed above by the time of their application to the Junior Fellowship Program. (Formal confirmation may follow at a later date.)

## Terms and conditions

For **Year 1** of the fellowship, Fellows receive an amount of 35,000 USD to cover residence in Budapest. This amount covers travel to and from Budapest, accommodation, living expenses, insurance and visa costs. Subject to availability, fellows may rent an apartment in the [Raoul Wallenberg Guesthouse](#) of IAS CEU.

For **Year 2**, when fellows reside at one of the OSUN partner universities listed in the present call, Fellows receive a stipend of up to 12,000 USD (or 1,000 USD per month) to contribute to their living expenses, and support the continuation of their research activities and curriculum development. The host institution is expected to have a formal relationship with the Fellow through a regular faculty, researcher, or visiting scholar appointment and provide the salary upgrade if necessary to equalize with the local employees at the same level. While it is the responsibility of the applicants to secure letters of support from the potential host institutions and they are encouraged to research the relevant programs and units for appropriate contacts, the GIAS staff and the OSUN Secretariat may be able to provide initial advice.

Based on specific proposals, Fellows may be eligible for additional funding for field research, conference travel, and public engagement.

## How to apply

**The deadline for application is February 15, 2022, 11pm (Central European Time).**

All applications must be submitted through the GIAS Junior Fellowship Application Form **online**.

**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 be in this format: Last name, First name\_GIAS 2022-24.pdf (e.g. Vargas, Julia\_GIAS 2022-24.pdf).

Your **application package** should contain the following documents:

1. A **letter of intent**, detailing your motivation for applying for the fellowship, development goals, academic ambitions and need for specific resources, if applicable (max. 1,500 words).
2. The **abstract** of your research proposal (max. 150 words).
3. A **research proposal** (min. 1,000 - max. 2,500 words; the reference list is not included in the word count).
4. A **CV** including a list of up to 5 of your most important **publications** and the name and email address of two **referees** (for potential reference).
5. *For applicants not holding or pursuing a PhD degree:* a **letter of recommendation** issued by a relevant unit/official of the home institution, detailing the applicant's research record, and outlining the benefit of the fellowship to the applicant's academic career and the development priorities of the institution.
6. **Letter of preliminary commitment** issued by the relevant OSUN partner college or university. The letter should specify the intended affiliation in the second year of the fellowship, making explicit reference to the unit (department, institute, program, laboratory, etc.) that would like to provide the candidate with an official affiliation for the 2023/24 academic year (and possibly beyond), in the event they are admitted to the GIAS Junior Fellowship Program. The letter is not meant to be legally binding, but will provide the basis for defining the applicant's academic role and activities in the second year of the Fellowship which advance the goals of the program and benefit the host institution, the Fellow and the OSUN research and teaching integration.

**Step 2:** Go to the GIAS Junior Fellowship Application Form at the IAS CEU website at <https://ias.ceu.edu/gias-application-form-2022-24>, and fill in all your data as required.

**Step 3:** As a final step, upload your application package (single .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 applications, where any of the application package items is missing, will not be considered. GIAS will provide a confirmation of the receipt of the application.

Candidates will be notified of the result of their application in the second half of May 2022. **GIAS cannot share the results of the evaluation process (reviews, scores) with the applicants.**



Questions and comments may be sent to [gias\\_application@ceu.edu](mailto:gias_application@ceu.edu). For further information on this Call for Applications and GIAS, please visit: <https://ias.ceu.edu/global-ias>.

## About GIAS

The Global Institute for Advanced Study is hosted by the **Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University, Budapest** (Hungary, European Union). IAS and the CEU Budapest Campus provide a stimulating environment in which fellows can devote themselves to research and share their work with peers through regular seminars and other community events. Fellows have access to all CEU facilities, including seminar and conference space, computer services and library resources. They benefit from CEU's vibrant international atmosphere, its strong ties in the region of Central and Eastern Europe and its location right in the center of Budapest. IAS CEU facilitates the fellows' engagement with CEU and the Hungarian, regional and international scholarly community by encouraging collaborative projects, organizing joint public lectures and related activities. Since September 2019, CEU is operating across two campuses, in Vienna and in Budapest. GIAS benefits from this arrangement and is part of the rich academic life and research generated in both places. The CEU Budapest Campus hosts – apart from GIAS, IAS, and OSUN – the bi-campus library, the Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives, the Summer University (SUN), the Democracy Institute, and a number of research centers and projects.

**GIAS, OSUN and IAS CEU are committed to equality, diversity, and inclusion.**

The privacy of your personal information is very important to us. We collect, use, and store your personal information in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016).

To learn more about how we manage your personal data during the application and selection process, please see our [Privacy Notice](#) and CEU's [Data Protection Policy](#).