

Call for applications

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European Foreign and Security Policy Studies

I. Objectives

Though the question of how the European Union can ensure the security of its citizens and contribute to worldwide peace has become increasingly relevant, foreign and security policies in Europe are still widely considered as national responsibilities. The research and training programme “European Foreign and Security Policy Studies” aims at overcoming this gap by analysing and debating the preconditions and prospects of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the EU and the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP). The programme has been jointly developed by the foundations Compagnia di San Paolo, Turin/Italy, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Stockholm/Sweden, and VolkswagenStiftung, Hanover/Germany. The previous three rounds of applications in 2004 to 2006 resulted in a total of 70 grants. We envision that 20 to 25 new project proposals will be selected at the end of this fourth and final round.

With their joint initiative the three foundations want to strengthen the European dimension in the next generation of intellectual leaders and security experts. The dominance of national approaches to international security in large parts of the academic debate and day-to-day politics should recede in favour of a transnational perspective. Therefore international mobility of participants is an important objective of the initiative. The research and training programme will give European researchers and young professionals opportunities to conduct research at two or more European institu-

tions, and to build networks, thereby making an impact on the wider debate in the field of foreign and security policies. Within this thematic framework applicants can freely choose their research topics.

II. Funding possibilities

Eligible for funding are post doctoral researchers and Ph. D. candidates. Young professionals (e. g. civil servants, diplomats, journalists, lawyers, and employees of non-governmental organisations) with equivalent background are also invited to apply. Applicants should be based in Europe and not be older than 32 years. Specific disciplines, nationality or EU citizenship do not form criteria for exclusion in the selection process. Please note that the three foundations accept only individual applications.

The research and training programme combines the following main elements:

- **Personal support**

Each participant in the programme can receive funding from one of the foundations for post doctoral or post graduate research at a European research institution or at an organisation engaged in the field of CFSP and ESDP for up to two years. A minimum requirement is that each participant spends a period of six months in the programme. Remunerations depend on individual circumstances. The foundations will apply their own rules for making grants.

- **Conferences and seminars**

The three foundations will organise conferences and seminars together with senior researchers and professionals, where the participants will be encouraged to exchange experiences. Each participant has to attend at least four events: a “young faces conference” at the beginning of the programme, a start-up meeting, an autumn seminar and the final conference, where the participants will present their research results.

- **Impact on the intellectual debate**

Whilst conducting doctoral or post doctoral research, the participants should engage in publicly visible intellectual and political debates. The three foundations will financially support publications, preferably in renowned international journals.

III. Submission and processing of applications

All applications will be dealt with jointly by the three foundations.

In order to be included **in the final round, applications** together with the information listed in the attached “check-list” **must be submitted (by e-mail only) by 30 September 2007** (date of arrival).

An international panel of academics and practitioners will review the applications using criteria which will include the academic potential and originality of the project as well as the qualifications of the applicant. They will also assess the relevance of the project both for policy making and public debate.

The panel may invite applicants to make a presentation of their ideas at a “young faces conference” to be held 10 to 12 January 2008 in Lund, Sweden. Travel and subsistence of invited applicants will be covered by the foundations. Following this conference, funding decisions will be announced in February 2008. Successful applicants will be expected to commence their work no later than the autumn of 2008.

All funds granted to successful applicants can only be paid via a research or university institute.

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How to apply: Check-list

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Applications are invited from individuals belonging to the specified target groups (post doctoral researchers, Ph. D. candidates and young professionals). The participating foundations will deal with them jointly. Since the foundations will only allocate funds to research or university institutes, applicants must seek the cooperation of an appropriate grant recipient in Europe and nominate it as their “base institution” in the application. Other institutions which are visited by applicants during sojourns are called “host institutions”. Shortlisted applicants will be asked to provide confirming mails from the base and host institutions.

Applications have to be written in English. Their maximum length (without appendices) is 5,000 words/ten pages. There is no application form. All documents have to be sent by e-mail, in one file, PDF format, including all the different parts and appendices. Please state “EFSPS application” as the subject in all correspondence.

The application should contain the following information on the front page:

- Brief informative title of the proposed project
- Full name and address of the applicant
- Base institution (i. e. intended recipient of grant, name and position of responsible person, contact address)
- Indication of whether this or a similar application has been submitted to any other funding institution

The following information is needed for the evaluation of the application:

- Abstract (up to 150 words)
- Aim of the project and clearly stated research questions
- Methods and instruments intended to be used for answering questions
- Relation to present international empirical and theoretical knowledge
- Working programme and time schedule
- Intended sojourns in other countries, duration, host institutions; each project application should include working phases in at least two different other countries
- Expertise and preliminary work of the applicant

The following information is needed for calculating the grant (in Euro):

- Year of birth of the applicant
- Type, date and place of obtained degrees (M. A., Ph. D.)
- Expected remuneration for work on project during period of grant (if applicable, gross salary, incl. contribution to social security and other fringe benefits)
- Expected travel costs for sojourns and other purposes
- Specific costs (up to 5,000 Euro per year) at the base and host institutions
- Other costs related to the project

Please note that the foundations can apply their own rules for making grants and diverge from applicants' budgets.

Accompanying appendices

- Curriculum vitae
- List of publications (if applicable)

Applications should be sent **by e-mail only** to

schmidt@volkswagenstiftung.de

Deadline for applications is **30 September 2007** (date of arrival). Please do not send the same document repeatedly.