



Charlemagne Prize
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Call for Applications

Research Year 2022/23



Europe's Path to Strategic
Sovereignty

– How do we achieve an equitable and
resilient reset?

Application Period:
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While the world seems to be spinning at a rapid pace, some issues that were thought to have been overcome long ago have slipped back into focus. The overarching goal of securing peace in Europe raises questions about the strategic orientation of the EU at the same time as the war on its doorstep highlights current dependencies and deficits. However, this is only the latest of various crises in recent years that necessitates political action in various fields. In the research year 2022/23, we are looking for research projects that address the changing realities of tomorrow's Europe with foresight and with implementable proposals for the design of a resilient and competitive union.

In this context, new challenges evolve not only about **Europe's military capacity to act**, but at the same time about the future security of **raw material procurement, energy use** and its role in **climate protection**. Thus, while shared foreign policy goals could lead to more unity, there is a danger that inequitable distribution mechanisms, shortages and recession could cause new dependencies. What quantities are needed in order not to endanger current prosperity and can these specifications be reconciled with the aspiration for more independence?

How can more sovereignty in Europe be balanced with the goals we have set ourselves in the fight against climate change and for more sustainability? How can such a **strategic transformation** be achieved in a **socially just** way for all member states and actors?

At the same time, it's time to tackle the internal challenges on the way to an EU capable of acting in the future. A look at the European elections in 2024 and the conclusion of the conference on the future of Europe could allow for various analyses, as well as a possible reorganization of voting procedures, transparency and a reform of the current **institutional structure**. And, while Europe is completely re-positioning itself geopolitically in terms of its new stance on **enlargement policy**, it will also be interesting in the future how it will define itself and its relationship with neighbors and partners.

The fellowship program is open to all projects and disciplines that offer concrete, innovative and feasible approaches to address the complex and sometimes contradictory challenges on a European scale.

We are highly encouraging graduates of all fields, young professionals or employees of scientific, political or public institutes, to hand in their research ideas for the research year 2022/23 by September 5th.

Application Requirements

- postgraduate degree (preferably Master or equivalent)
- younger than 35 years of age
- professional English language skills (min. C1)
- citizen of an EU member state or permanent residence in Europe
- submission of an innovative Research Proposal, compatible with the annual focus
- current and prospective relevance of the proposed research question
- proposal of a host institution for the duration of the Fellowship

Profile

- university graduates, Young Professionals or employees of a scientific, political, economic or cultural institution/organisation
- individuals or groups that want to research on a specified topic within a period of 12 months
- reliable personality with previous research experience
- new thoughts and approaches that are directed at the future of Europe

About the Programme:

As a contribution to European integration and for the exchange of the young generation in Europe, the Charlemagne Prize Academy aims to identify future challenges and problems of European society and, by awarding research fellowships annually, to develop approaches to solutions at an early stage, which are discussed in dialogue with representatives from science, politics, business and the public to determine their feasibility and practicability.

The Academy is aimed at young university graduates and young professionals under the age of 35 in Europe. Each scholarship is endowed with 25,000 €, the patronage of a Charlemagne Prize laureate, academic and administrative mentoring and the opportunity to present and publish the own work. In accordance with the statutes of the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen, the aim is to promote the unification of Europe and the understanding of states, peoples and citizens.

The awarding of scholarships for the elaboration of European future topics is intended to contribute to improving the promotion of the European idea and the rooting of the European consciousness in political, economic, scientific, cultural and social fields.

