

Network of Global Future Councils 2020-2022 Term Fellows – Call for applications

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Context

The World Economic Forum's network of [Global Future Councils](#) (GFC) is the world's foremost multistakeholder and interdisciplinary knowledge network dedicated to promoting innovative thinking to shape a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable future.

The network convenes more than 1000 of the most relevant and knowledgeable thought leaders from academia, government, international organizations, business and civil society, grouped in expertise-based thematic councils. It is an invitation-only community and members are nominated for a one-year period.

The current GFC term, which began in October 2020, has been exceptionally extended until June 2022 to provide councils with an opportunity to concentrate on key deliverables and outputs and focus on dissemination to drive impact.

The 2020-2022 portfolio is composed of 37 councils across 5 thematic areas:

- Fourth Industrial Revolution
- Future Earth
- Global and Regional Cooperation
- Industry Transformation
- New Economy and Society

The complete list of 37 councils can be reviewed [here](#).

Examples of council work and achievements

- The GFC on Agile Governance published a [Toolkit for Regulators](#) to provide them with a range of techniques they can employ to help respond in a more agile way to innovation and disruption and seize the potential of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.
- In collaboration with AARP and the US National Academy of Medicine, the GFC on Healthy Ageing and Longevity convened five virtual [dialogue series about COVID-19 and Ageing Societies](#) to share experiences and expertise about how COVID-19 has had a significant impact on older adults. It also explored many promising examples of what is needed to promote healthy ageing and longevity.
- The GFC on Mental Health developed case studies of ethical challenges in digital mental health for the white paper [Global Governance Toolkit for Digital Mental Health](#).
- A group of six GFCs wrote policy briefs to shape the future of the New Economy and Society, consolidated in [Building Back Broader: Policy Pathways for an Economic Transformation](#).

About the GFC Fellowship

GFC Fellows, nominated by leading universities, are fully embedded in each of the 37 GFCs. Fellows play a crucial role in councils by being responsible for capturing, synthesizing and disseminating knowledge and insights from the councils' deliberations.

The Fellowship is an unparalleled opportunity for promising scholars to develop design-thinking skills and to build their network while gaining exposure to multistakeholder discussions and working with leading experts from around the world to discuss the most critical issues, generate insights and analysis, and collaborate in shaping agendas, influencing dialogue and inspiring action.

In addition, participating in the Council provides its Fellows with an opportunity to gain experience in designing practical and implementable solutions for public sector policy and private sector practices, increasing public awareness and understanding of complex global challenges and delivering on tangible outputs to achieve the Council's mission.

GFC Fellow profile

- Postdoctoral scholars at leading universities
- At early stages of your professional career (not yet tenured)
- Keen to shape the global agenda and interact with luminaires in their field coming from diverse sectors
- Able to deliver on tangible deliverables in a fast-paced environment
- Disposed with a future-looking and systems-oriented mindset
- Knowledgeable and can provide critical thinking
- Able to articulate their ideas in a way that influences the prevailing thinking
- Eager to take initiative, a self-starter
- Engaged and collaborative and curious
- Good listening and analytical skills, able to synthesize and has a desire to share insights through written work
- Able to facilitate group discussions

How does a GFC Fellow work within a Council?

You will serve as a GFC Fellow from October 2021 to June 2022.

You will work with Council members by:

- Participating in and actively contribute to the council's virtual meetings (at least four in the one-year term)
- Capturing and synthesizing expert contributions, drafting outputs and identifying actionable next steps
- Helping facilitate break-out groups during virtual meetings

You will work with the World Economic Forum by:

- Supporting the Council Manager (World Economic Forum staff) by driving council work forward, specifically: transforming ideas into actions; capturing meeting notes; writing reports; following-up with members; supporting the project coordination, etc.
- Disseminating content produced by the council via TopLink, the Forum's collaboration platform, and other media as determined by the council role description
- Investing on average 4 hours per week (expect time investment to vary throughout the months).

Note: GFC participation, for members and fellows alike, is unremunerated.

Councils open to applications

Only a subset of the portfolio is looking to fill their Fellow position and are therefore open to applications. These councils are listed below.

- [GFC on Cities of Tomorrow](#)
- [GFC on Cybersecurity](#)
- [GFC on Healthy Ageing and Longevity](#)
- [GFC on Human Rights](#)
- [GFC on Investing](#)
- [GFC on Media, Entertainment and Sport](#)
- [GFC on Responsive Financial Systems](#)
- [GFC on SDG Investment](#)
- [GFC on Synthetic Biology](#)
- [GFC on the New Agenda for Education and Skills](#)
- [GFC on the New Agenda for Fiscal and Monetary Policy](#)
- [GFC on the New Agenda for Fragility and Resilience](#)
- [GFC on Urban Mobility Transitions](#)

How to apply

Are you interested in working in one of the 13 Councils open to applications? Do you think you have the right expertise to help shape the future of a thematic council and improve the state of the world?

- Read the [concept note](#) of the GFCs 2020-2022.
- Go to the respective council webpages to learn more about councils' thematic focus, mission and objectives.
- Send the following information to GFC@weforum.org no later than **Wednesday 25 August 2021**:
 1. Name of the council to which you are applying
 2. Motivation letter of no more than 500 words
 3. CV/Resume

Only candidates that are short-listed will be contacted.