Program Activities & Benefits

During their time in residence, scholars and fellows are expected to present their research in biweekly Weatherhead Scholars seminars; participate in the biweekly WCFIA Forum; contribute to some of the Center’s many other intellectual activities, including research clusters and/or Epicenter; and engage with the undergraduate and graduate student communities.

Scholars and fellows will have a desk in a shared office and access to Harvard’s vast library system. They may also audit courses with the instructor’s permission.
What is the Weatherhead Scholars Program?

Established in 1958, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFIA) is the largest international social science research center within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. We support international, transnational, global, and comparative research, whether historical or contemporary, including policy analysis.

The Weatherhead Scholars Program, formerly known as the Fellows Program, offers visiting faculty, postdoctoral researchers, and experienced practitioners the opportunity to spend up to one academic year at Harvard to pursue their own research interests and endeavors.

Who is Eligible?

Faculty and postdoctoral applicants must possess a PhD at the time of application, and all applicants must agree to be in residence for a minimum of four months (at least three of these during the academic year).

- **Visiting Faculty**: We will consider faculty in the social sciences from other universities and programs, as well as academics employed by think tanks. They should be able to secure their own funding from sabbatical salary or external grants.

- **Postdoctoral Researchers**: We will consider individuals who have obtained their PhDs in the last three calendar years, or who will have defended by the start of their academic appointment. Some postdoctoral fellowship funding is available through the Weatherhead Center.

- **Experienced Practitioners**: We will consider practitioners with an established record of professional achievement, including civil servants, heads of NGOs, and journalists, among others. All Visiting Fellows are expected to pursue a research project.

How to Apply

Applications may be completed electronically no later than November 1 for visiting faculty and postdoctoral fellows. Interested fellows (practitioners) should contact the program director. All applicants should submit the following: cover letter; curriculum vitae (five pages maximum); description of research project (three pages or less); and two letters of recommendation. We may contact individual applicants to schedule an interview. Applicants will be notified in January.

Contact

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