



Think Visegrad Fellowship – Call for proposals 2026

About: Think Visegrad is a think tank platform for structured dialogue on issues of strategic regional importance. The platform aims to analyze key issues for the Visegrad Group (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia), and provides recommendations to the governments of Visegrad Group (V4) countries, the annual presidencies of the Group, and the International Visegrad Fund. In addition, Think Visegrad provides visiting fellowships to non-Visegrad expert fellows. Think Visegrad was established in 2012 by eight V4 think tanks with coordinating abilities. This so-called core network, however, remains open to cooperation with other think-tanks from all V4 countries. Think Visegrad is funded by the International Visegrad Fund.

Eight visiting fellowships will be available for Summer/Autumn/Winter of 2026. Each of the core network think tanks (see list below) will host one **non-V4 expert fellow**. Each selected visiting fellow will have the opportunity to take part in the institute's activities for a period of **up to eight weeks**. During this period, each fellow will be expected to **develop a policy paper** and **deliver one public presentation** on a pre-agreed topic. A lump sum of **€3,400** will be given to each selected visiting fellow to cover all necessary costs and expenditures related to his or her stay at the hosting institute (e.g. lodging and local transport). Each fellow will also be responsible for paying all taxes and related fees, including health and social insurance, from this amount. Think Visegrad—V4 Think Tank Platform will cover the cost of international travel to the hosting institute for the visiting fellow up to the amount of **€500**.

Topics: Fellowships are available in all areas of research in political science, international relations and economics. Chosen topics should complement the research focus of the hosting institute, and therefore the applicants are highly recommended to check the institute's website before submitting an application.

Eligibility: Only expert fellows from non-Visegrad countries are eligible. While preference will be given to applicants with a proven track record of significant contribution in their field, high-quality project proposals from junior and mid-career researchers will also be

duly considered. Fellows who already conducted the Think Visegrad Fellowship in the past are not allowed to participate again and their applications will be automatically dismissed.

Duration: The duration of fellowships varies **from 6 to 8 weeks** at least **4 (minimum)** of which in-person at the hosting institution (based on agreement with the hosting institute).

Hosting institutes (for details and/or more information, please contact the Think Visegrad coordinator in respective institution):

Czechia

[EUROPEUM – Institute for European Policy](#) – vbartovic@europeum.org

[Institute of International Relations \(IIR\)](#) – metodieva@iir.cz

Hungary

[Hungarian Institute of International Affairs \(HIIA\)](#) – agnes.vass@hiia.hu

[Center for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy \(CEID\)](#) – daniel.bartha@ceid.hu

Poland

[Centre for Eastern Studies \(OSW\)](#) – Andrzej.Sadecki@osw.waw.pl

[The Polish Institute of International Affairs \(PISM\)](#) – Kolarz@pism.pl

Slovakia

[Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association \(RC SFPA\)](#) – brezani@sfpa.sk

[Central European Institute of Asian Studies \(CEIAS\)](#) – simalcik@ceias.eu

Deadline: Application dossiers consisting of the

1. **application form**,
2. **structured CV** (including the list of publications) and
3. **motivation letter** (maximum 300 words)

are to be submitted in three separate PDF files to thinktank@sfpa.sk by **May 15, 2026**.

For more information please visit: <http://think.visegradfund.org>