



# ATLANTIC FELLOWS FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY 2024 - 25

Atlantic Fellows

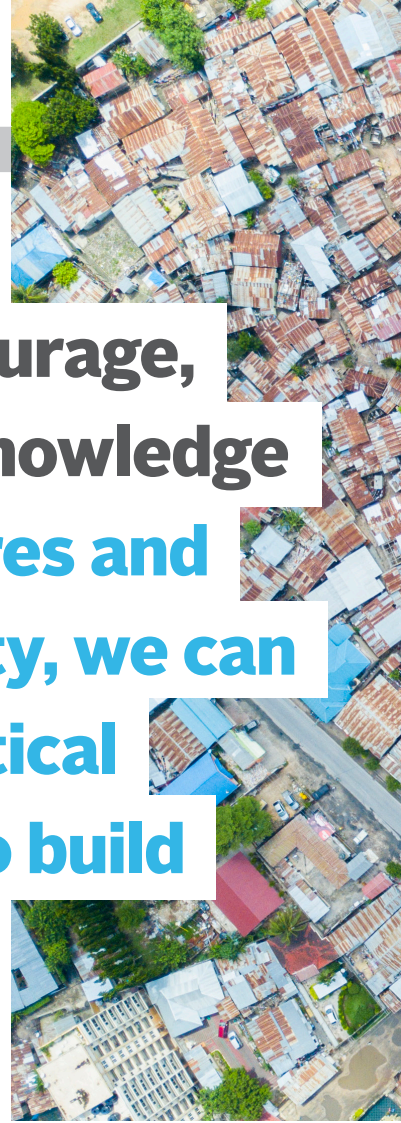
FOR SOCIAL AND  
ECONOMIC EQUITY



THE LONDON SCHOOL  
OF ECONOMICS AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

# Challenging inequality requires courage, compassion, commitment – and knowledge

## When we understand the structures and systems that perpetuate inequality, we can envision economic, social and political alternatives, and work together to build a better world



**Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity is a funded fellowship for mid-career changemakers from around the world.** We bring practitioners, policy-makers, activists, researchers, artists, and movement-builders to the London School of Economics and Political Science, where they will work across disciplines and borders to understand and address the root causes of inequality.

We are looking for Fellows who are bold and ready to challenge power; who see the bigger picture of how inequalities are playing out; who are imaginative and

daring in the way they envision solutions; who bring care and collaboration into their practice; who recognise the significance of lived experience of inequality and whose own lived experience informs their practice; who focus not on advancing their careers, but on their commitment to changing the world through collective and collaborative approaches.

For all our Fellows, the fellowship journey begins with an immersive year at the **London School of Economics and Political Science**, centred around four key learning modules.

Our fellowship programme offers two tracks: Residential and Non-Residential. Participants in both tracks participate in rigorous academic coursework, leadership and skills development, and practical approaches to fostering social change.

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## **OUR FELLOWS ARE**

- Changemakers from around the world – with an emphasis on the Global South – who have spent at least 7 years fighting inequality.
- Working in fields such as social and economic justice, gender equality, movement building, climate justice, peace and justice, human rights, public policy, minority rights, and access to education.
- People who will be transformed by this fellowship experience and go on to have a transformative impact on the world.

## **OUR PROGRAMME OFFERS**

- Residential and Non-Residential tracks, with all Fellows participating in four intensive fellowship modules over the course of a year.
- Residential Fellows also undertake the **MSc in Inequalities and Social Science** while Non-Residential Fellows undertake a Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Economic Equity.
- The chance to learn in a research-rich environment and share in the insights of peers, scholars, innovators, activists and social change organisations.
- Opportunities to explore the practices and contexts that make equitable change possible, including systems thinking, campaigning and community building.
- Mentoring, leadership and skills development, and project work.
- A catalytic, lifelong community of Fellows from the **seven Atlantic Fellows programmes**.

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# THE 2024-25 ATLANTIC FELLOWS FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY PROGRAMME

## RESIDENTIAL TRACK

### We offer up to 9 Residential Fellowships annually.

Residential Fellows undertake a full-time, one-year **MSc in Inequalities and Social Science** at LSE, in addition to AFSEE Modules and a dedicated mentorship. The Residential track is only suitable for people who are able to dedicate themselves to full-time study for a full academic year. Residential Fellows are required to relocate to London for the duration of the MSc programme. For the 2024-25 cohort, Residential Fellows will be expected to be resident in London from September 2024.

### MSc in Inequalities and Social Science

The **MSc in Inequalities and Social Science** at LSE is a comprehensive, interdisciplinary and wide-ranging programme that draws on expertise from leading academics in LSE departments including Sociology, Social Policy, Media and Communications, Economics, Gender, Government and Methodology. Its core

course provides a strong grounding in the study, measurement and structures of inequalities. Optional courses, suited to a broad range of interests, are offered.

The Residential track of the AFSEE programme provides an intensive learning experience centred on building rigorous, interdisciplinary knowledge in inequalities and research skills. Residential Fellows will focus on improving their understanding and knowledge base in order to go on to lead advances in solutions to inequalities. Residential Fellows are expected to arrive with a clear plan for applying the knowledge and research skills they will gain through their participation in an immersive academic experience.

An intensive learning experience that builds interdisciplinary knowledge and skills

### AFSEE Modules

In addition to committing to their MSc degree studies, Residential Fellows in the 2024-25 programme will participate in four AFSEE Modules, alongside Non-Residential Fellows.

**Module 1** will take place in London 10-20 September 2024.

**Module 2** will take place online 24-28

February 2025.

**Module 3** will take place in London 23-27 June 2025.

**Module 4** will take place in London 30 June-4 July.

### Support and funding

Residential Fellows receive support from a dedicated LSE academic mentor, from the AFSEE Executive Director through monthly meetings and regular check-ins, and via further opportunities for engagement offered throughout the year.

The Residential track of the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity programme is **fully-funded**. The AFSEE programme covers full tuition fees for the MSc Inequalities and Social Science course; travel to and from London at the beginning and end of the active fellowship year; and any visa and immigration-related costs. All Residential Fellows will also receive a £23,000 stipend to cover living costs while in London.

AFSEE also has various avenues of additional support and funding to ensure that there are no barriers for Fellows to fully participate in the programme. Such as access to LSE's Disability and Wellbeing Service team and opportunities to apply for AFSEE Family Care Support Fund and Resilience Support Fund.



## NON-RESIDENTIAL TRACK

### We offer up to 9 Non-Residential Fellowships annually.

Non-Residential Fellows are offered a unique opportunity to investigate inequalities over a period of 12 months via a set of distinct, comprehensive AFSEE Modules, and practice-based project work.

Non-Residential Fellows remain in their home and professional environments, and travel to attend Modules. Because of the reduced time and location commitment, this fellowship is ideal for applicants who are unable to take a full year off from work. However, they will be expected to commit around five hours per week in addition to module commitments, for reading, coursework, and project work.

### AFSEE Modules

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### Project work

Carried out through independent study, Non-Residential Fellows undertake a written or practical project that aims to offer a new insight, challenge or solution to inequalities that are central to Fellows' future social-change agendas.

### Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Economic Equity

Non-Residential Fellows will be awarded a **Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Economic Equity** upon successful completion of the active fellowship year. The qualification is awarded by the London School of Economics and Political Science, and it is an internationally recognised certificate.

### Support and funding

Each Non-Residential Fellow will receive support from a dedicated mentor who has been selected for their expertise and experience in the Fellow's area of focus.

The Non-Residential track of the programme is **fully-funded**. AFSEE programme covers the cost of the Postgraduate Certificate; all expenses related to travel to and from modules; accommodation and related costs during modules; and any visa fees. All Non-Residential Fellows will also receive up to a £10,000 grant to support the execution of their Fellowship Project.

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# HOW WE SELECT ATLANTIC FELLOWS FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

It is the Fellows themselves who make this fellowship experience so powerful. The knowledge and expertise, lived experience, passion, commitment and care that they bring to the AFSEE community are what makes our programme so transformative.

We are working to build a cohort that reflects diverse perspectives and experiences, and the majority of our Fellows come from the Global South. We look for a range of characteristics in our Fellows, in addition to their alignment to our values-led programme and the fellowship offering.

## We are especially keen to support applicants:

- Who live in the Global South (in particular Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, Southeast Asia and the Indian subcontinent), although this factor will never be considered in isolation
- Who do not otherwise have the resources to finance their participation in activities such as these
- Who have not already had significant access to fellowships or scholarships.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Your application should give us a clear idea of you, your values and your work, in relation to the following criteria:

### Experience

- Deep commitment to social change, backed by **at least seven years of substantive real-world experience** in challenging inequalities in policymaking, research, movement-building, activist or related settings.

### Clarity of vision and future impact

- Innovative ideas, a clear sense of purpose, the courage to pursue lasting and meaningful change, and a plan for using the learning offered by the programme to produce significant future impact, through an idea for a dissertation or project.
- Readiness to evolve and develop as a leader in ways that embrace and advance the principles of social and economic equity, and their practice.
- Potential to be instrumental in shaping



an inspiring vision, direction and agenda for social change in specific geographies, fields, professions, and beyond.

### Commitment and readiness

- Interest in learning from and engaging with different perspectives and experiences from across a range of contexts, and a willingness to navigate the challenges and opportunities inherent in complexity and diversity.
- Openness to fully engaging with the whole Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity learning journey, including the intellectual and personal transformation this process entails.



- Willingness to actively contribute to a sustained peer-led, values-driven community.
- Commitment to work with and support others in achieving individual and collective impact.

#### ***For Residential Fellows only***

- Ability to make a compelling case for how undertaking and successfully completing the MSc in Inequalities and Social Science will make a contribution to the applicant's social change agenda.
- A focused agenda and plan to use the knowledge and skills gained from the MSc in Inequalities and Social Science.

#### ***For Non-Residential Fellows only***

- A plan for a clear and achievable project, to be undertaken during the course of the fellowship, that challenges structural inequality. The project will seek to advance understanding of or challenges to inequalities.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Applicants to the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity programme must be able to demonstrate their ability to meet the following eligibility criteria.

#### **Residential Fellows**

Applicants must qualify for admission to the London School of Economics' **MSc in Inequalities and Social Science**. These requirements include a 2:1 degree or equivalent in any discipline. A background in social science and/or work experience in the social policy field are advantageous but not essential.

Applicants must have at least seven years of experience demonstrating courage, care, leadership and commitment in advancing equitable solutions to inequality.

Note: Applicants who have attained a PhD, who have completed an MSc within the past three years, or who are

currently studying for a degree, would not normally be considered for the Residential track.

**Applicants must meet LSE's standard [English Language Requirement](#).**

#### **Non-Residential Fellows**

For the Non-Residential track, we aim to be inclusive and to encourage applications from non-traditional applicants. We therefore welcome applications from both those applicants who hold an undergraduate degree (2:2 and above) and to those who do not hold an undergraduate degree.

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