

The ETH Policy Fellowship

Where science and policy meet

Application window 2025: 10 February - 28 March 2025

In a Nutshell

- **What:** Bespoke programme for executives of the public sector
- **Goal:** Strengthening the dialogue and network between policymakers and the scientific community
- **Activities:** One-on-one meetings with researchers, workshops, networking
- **When:** 7 working days, spread across 5 to 6 months, from September to February
- **Where:** ETH Campus in Zürich
- **Costs:** CHF 2500 per person
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The ETH Policy Fellowship is a tailored programme of ETH Zurich for executives from the public sector with the goal of strengthening the dialogue-based exchange and networking between policymakers and ETH researchers. In the spirit of knowledge transfer in the service of society, ETH Zurich aims to bridge the gap between researchers and policymakers through this offer, thereby helping them to address societal challenges through sustainable, effective, and evidence-informed solutions. The ETH Policy Fellowship is offered and organized by the Science-Policy Interface of ETH Zurich.

Goals and benefits

By tailoring the programme to the individual needs and interests of the participants, the ETH Policy Fellowship contributes to capacity-building, networking, and mutual understanding between policymakers and ETH researchers. Engaging in a range of dialogue-driven activities allows participants to broaden their professional networks, stay abreast of cutting-edge research findings, and collaboratively identify solutions to specific policy challenges with subject matter experts. Concurrently, it provides an avenue for participants to raise awareness of their specific concerns with ETH researchers.

Structure

The programme consists of 7 working days spread over a period of 5 to 6 months between September and February. The core of the programme consists of several one-on-one meetings with researchers from ETH Zurich.



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Furthermore, participants can participate in relevant workshops and events at ETH, where they can interact with researchers and students. Finally, «Food for Thought» events featuring guest speakers and alumni of the programme are specifically organized for the fellowship cohort to intensify the exchange among participants and provide interdisciplinary impulses.

Requirements

- University degree, possibly with research experience
- Management position with either personnel and /or a specialist responsibility, thereby in charge of different policy areas
- Many years of experience in managing policy affairs
- Ideally «mid-carrer» professional
- Interest in interdisciplinary, science-based dialogue on policy issues with researchers

Application and Costs

The application window for the ETH Policy Fellowship 2025 is open from 10 February to 28 March 2025. An application requires a resume and a short letter of motivation with specific questions on policy topics that the participant would like to address during the programme. The participation fee is CHF 2'500 (plus VAT, if applicable)

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