

# MERCATOR-IPC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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# WHY?

Stiftung Mercator and Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) at Sabanci University invite academics, journalists, and professionals to apply for the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program.

The program aims to strengthen academic, political, and social ties between Turkey and Germany, as well as between Turkey and Europe, based on the premise that the acquisition of knowledge and the exchange of people and ideas are

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preconditions for meeting the challenges of a globalized world.

The Istanbul Policy Center-Stiftung Mercator-Sabanci University Initiative has created a synergy between German, Turkish, and European research over communities through the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program in the past ten years.



# HOW? —

**Mercator-IPC Fellowships** are available for outstanding young academics, journalists, and professionals who have significant prior work experience aiming to strengthen academic, political, and social ties between Turkey and Germany, as well as between Turkey and Europe. A PhD degree is strongly preferred. Applicants without a PhD degree will only be accepted if their work experience and expertise meet the program requirements to the jury's satisfaction. Projects that focus on the German-Turkish nexus are preferred.

Additionally, institutions from Germany/Europe whose areas of work overlap with the priorities of the Program are invited to nominate candidates for the Fellowship program.

This year, short-term visiting fellowships is available to practitioners from Germany/Europe (i.e., policy experts, civil servants, civil society workers, advisors to MPs and policy figures working in the EU institutions). The minimum duration of this fellowship is one month.

Mercator-IPC Fellows are granted a monthly net salary of up to 2,700 EUR, a monthly family allowance of up to 500 EUR net (if preconditions are met), and a travel allowance of up to 1,500 EUR in total.

# WHAT?

## EU/GERMAN-TURKISH RELATIONS

Given that Turkey, Germany, and Europe have entered an era of multiple crises, continuous and open dialogue between Turkey and the EU is a necessity for the fight against terrorism, the maintenance of peace and stability in the European periphery, and the development of models for integrating refugees into society. Furthermore, in the midst of economic and foreign policy-related challenges, Turkey's role in preserving stability in the region is crucial now more than ever.

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### Subtopics in this area:

- European security and defence cooperation and its implications for EU-Turkey relations;
- Methods of cooperation complementary to the accession process;
- Challenges in the EU and their impact on EU/German-Turkish relations;
- Economic cooperation between the EU/Germany and Turkey;
- Turkish-German cooperation as a key pillar in Turkey's relations with the EU;
- Turkey's role wider European neighborhood and its importance in the EU's external actions and foreign policy;
- Issues related to integration of refugees in the EU and Turkey;
- Avenues for further cooperation between Turkish and European cities.



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# CLIMATE CHANGE

Few issues necessitate international cooperation as strongly as the need to respond to the threat of climate change. The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions can only be accomplished through the joint efforts of national and local governments, businesses, academia, civil society groups, and individual citizens. In particular, the transformation of energy systems in Europe and elsewhere toward decarbonization is crucial for reducing greenhouse gases for mitigation and adaptation.

The Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program aims to raise awareness among decision makers and the broader public of the threats posed by climate change.

- Analysis of the social and economic impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation policies;
- Mechanisms for effective multi-level governance in climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- Obstacles to policy reform (in developing countries) and overcoming the alleged dichotomy of economic development and climate change mitigation policies;
- Mapping the impacts of climate change in Europe and Turkey;
- Decarbonization of Turkish economy based on the Paris Agreement and Turkey's net-zero emissions target;
- Turkey's transition to a low-carbon energy system (i.e., energy efficiency, renewable energy) in the European context;
- European Green Deal and Turkey: Challenges and opportunities;
- Adaptation policies to changing climate in Turkey in regard to food systems, water management, health care, and nature (i.e. biodiversity, forests, etc).

# WHO?

The Mercator-IPC Fellowship is the cornerstone of the Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative. The Initiative was launched on July 5, 2011 upon the signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding” by the presidents of Sabancı University and Stiftung Mercator. It officially initiated its activities on January 1, 2012.

## ABOUT IPC

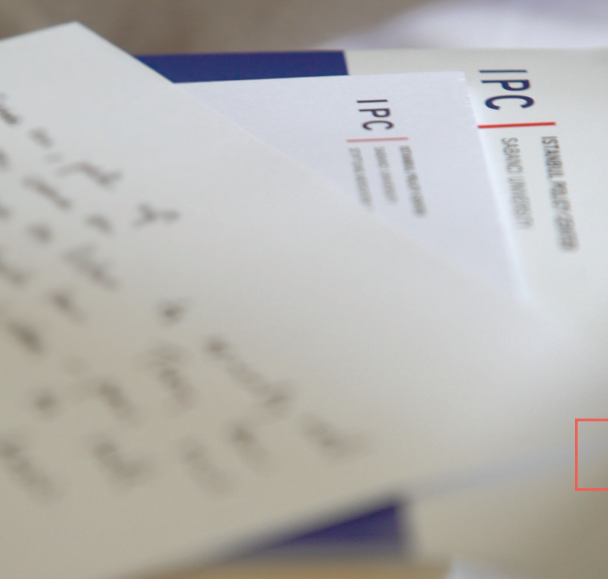
The Center is an independent policy research institute with global outreach. Its mission is to foster academic research and its application to policy making.

IPC is firmly committed to providing decision makers, opinion leaders, academics, and the general public with innovative and objective analyses of key domestic and foreign policy issues.

## ABOUT STIFTUNG MERCATOR

Stiftung Mercator is an independent private foundation. It aims to strengthen Europe and sees its role as helping to shape the processes of societal transformation. The new themes on which Stiftung Mercator will be working in future are Digital Society, Europe in the World, Climate Action, and Participation and Cohesion.





# WHERE?

Mercator-IPC Fellows work at IPC in Istanbul for the duration of 6 to 12 months.

IPC offers Mercator-IPC Fellows access to a broad network of academics, civil society activists, and decision

makers as well as a unique platform for sound academic research to shape hands-on policy work. Fellows benefit from Sabancı University's exceptional intellectual capital and vast reserves of scientific knowledge.

# FURTHER INFORMATION

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