

LGI Policy Fellowship

PURPOSE

The purpose of the LGI Policy Fellowship program is to provide experts and professionals from the region the opportunity to work with a multinational team of fellows on comparative research. The fellowship program is aimed at developing policy research and strengthening regional capacity by developing policy networks throughout the region.

The primary goal of the LGI Policy Fellowship program is to launch policy research and to design recommendations on the interaction of development models in various areas of government and public services. Fellows are encouraged to initiate research and to work on policy conclusions with national and local government officials and advisers.

Each year, three or four broad topics are identified for candidates from different country groups. LGI supports joint, or compatible, research and policy development studies. Combining the fellows' efforts on their own countries' problems, our intention is to create long-standing horizontal professional contacts and to improve knowledge on specific Central European and Eastern development models.

METHODS AND PROCEDURES

LGI awards successful applicants with a stipend for a period of 10 months between October and July of the fellowship year. The grant covers a monthly stipend as well as expenses

related to the research and travel costs related to fellowship workshops.

Applicants are generally either civil servants, policy researchers, or policy advisers and must be citizens of CEE, SEE, or NIS countries. A graduate degree or equivalent is required. The fellows are based in their home countries, and are expected to continue their activities at their home institution, working on the mutually agreed project for fifty percent or less of their work time.

LGI groups fellows into small teams of 3 or 4 according to their topic. Each team of fellows is lead by a mentor—a well-known expert, who advises and supervises fellows in the course of the implementation of their research projects. Mentors also facilitate professional cooperation and communication between members of the team. Fellows are encouraged to support each other's work with their expertise and comments within their teams. LGI encourages teams of fellows to develop joint or comparable research agendas.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES/PRODUCTS

As a final product, fellows submit a research report that is an informative policy document, based on recent theoretical literature and policy research findings, that includes policy recommendations. Teams are expected to submit a joint report concluding their comparative results. The best reports are then published by LGI.