

UCSIA & USOS

GLOBAL SOUTH FELLOWSHIP IN

THE EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

BRUSSELS-ANTWERP, BELGIUM

The University Centre Saint-Ignatius Antwerp (UCSIA) and the University Foundation for Development Cooperation (USOS) are offering a Global South Fellowship in cooperation with the European Leadership Programme (ELP). The traineeship placement is with the two foundations in the consecutive semesters, while the Fellow at the same time pursues the European Leadership Programme.

[UCSIA](#) and [USOS](#) are both non-profit organizations focusing on issues of social justice which want to contribute to a more just society through education, cooperation with civil society organizations and academic institutions in the **Global South and academic research**. For that purpose, UCSIA and USOS work closely together with the University of Antwerp and are looking for a motivated candidate to fill in the position of their **Global South Fellowship**. The selected candidate will start from October 1st, 2025, onwards for a 10 month assignment and will become, at the same time, a Fellow of the **European Leadership Programme (ELP)** in Brussels.

The [European Leadership Programme](#) is a 5+5 month formation where the Fellows receive leadership training and support in their vocation discernment during their time in Brussels. The Fellows live and work in the heart of Europe, receive an introduction to Jesuit spirituality, help marginalised communities and follow spiritual coaching as well as professional mentoring sessions. An opportunity to meet current and former leaders from the EU ecosystem is provided, facilitating informal discussions and testimonies of their career and ethical challenges. ELP is a **residential** formation, offering 20 places each semester, so the successful candidate is required to live in one of the ELP houses. Formation hours are in the evenings and weekends, not impacting working hours with the foundations above. The ELP room costs range between 660-755 eur /month and should be paid by the candidate.

TO APPLY:

Please fill in the following [Application Form](#). In case of questions about the Global South Fellowship please contact janus.verrelst@uantwerpen.be In case of questions about ELP please contact assistant@jesc-elp.eu.

DEADLINE: 21 April 2025 **SCHOLARSHIP:** 1300 EUR/month (without social security, tax issues to be resolved by the candidate)

PROFILE:

- Research skills in academic context.
- Good organisational and communication skills. Proactive attitude.
- Experience in international cooperation and project management is an asset.
- Country of origin: any country from the Global South; applicants currently based in Global North countries can also apply.
- Eligibility for this internship is limited to candidates who are 35 years of age or younger at the time of application submission.

Each application has to include following documentation/proofs:

- Standardized Application Form;
- An English CV;
- Motivation letter with emphasis on social involvement (up to two A4 pages);
- English language certificate or proof that BA level studies included at least one semester in English language;

- Copy of the Bachelor Degree and transcript of records;
- Letter of Reference: the candidates shall attach two recommendation letters with contact details of the referees to their application. From a) person who holds a recognised position in the society or b) representative of a Catholic recognised institution.

TASKS:

1. Support USOS in facilitating the multilateral network of partners in DR Congo, India, Morocco, Nicaragua, Suriname and Brazil by:
 - Involvement in the reception of partners in Antwerpen, late November 2025, as part of the publication of the USOS book 'Caring for our common home'. During this programme, you will co-support talks between the partners on further collaborations and you will be involved in the celebrations as part of the 40th anniversary of USOS.
 - After November, you will follow up on the actions that came out of the talks between the partners.
2. Join the USOS staff team. We will see on the basis of your interest and talents where you can be engaged in USOS' campus work, which has the aim to promote global citizenship among students of University of Antwerp, which includes reciprocal student exchanges with partners of the Global South.
3. Cooperate with the UCSIA staff for planned activities within the programme 'Europe and Solidarity' as part of the UCSIA-Solidarity Academy.
4. Develop your own project for UCSIA, preferably within the fields of the just transition (climate goals and social challenges) or migration and refugee studies. Other projects within the fields of social economy, ecology or social justice from a European policy perspective may also be considered. You are expected to organize a public event on the chosen topic.
5. Fully participate in the ELP and be present at its programme elements.

The fellow can rely on a limited financial support in the process of visa application and international travel from UCSIA/USOS.