

# EMERGING FELLOW PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDE

## (VERSION 2024)

### About the Program

- The programme is primarily oriented to support your learning and provide mentorship for your writing on Futures Thinking and Foresight.
- If you want to write about other topics, work on Futures projects or create new platforms of engagement, this may not be the right programme for you.
- By the end of the two-year program, you will have:
  1. Received **one-on-one editorial mentorship**.
  2. Published **six** articles on the APF blog.
  3. Attended **monthly fireside chats** with world-renowned practitioners.
  4. Mentored the successive cohort.
  5. Connected with a network of peers who share your interest in Futures.
- Unlike programmes run by other organisations, the EF programme is run by unpaid volunteers – the organisers and the Emerging Fellows themselves. This means you will feel the passion that everyone has for the programme and will also need to be considerate of the precious time & effort that everyone puts into this experience.
- The Emerging Fellow Programme emphasizes authenticity and personal growth, aiming to help you discover and develop your unique voice through writing and community engagement. With its global reach, the program underscores the importance of embracing a foresight mindset and making it accessible through collaborative learning.

### Application Process

- **Please read the application guide**

The application guide will give you enough information to determine if the program and the candidate are a good fit for each other.

- **Application will close at midnight (12:00 AM) London time on the 30th, September.**

- **Application questions**

There will be 3 types of questions: basic information, preliminary screening questions, and essay questions. To complete the application submission, sign and upload signed copy of “APF Emerging Fellows Commitment Letter”. (page 3)

- **We will respond with the results of your application in December.**

- **Important Notes**

1. We are unable to provide individual feedback to applicants due to the need to manage our volunteer resources and time efficiently.
2. Due to the limited number of spots available, we aim to benefit a broader audience who might not usually have access to such opportunities. If you have already received an award from another program, you are not considered an emerging fellow and will not be eligible for consideration.

## **Responsibilities of an Emerging Fellow**

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### **• Writing**

1. The requirement is to complete **6** blogs of **1000** words or less over two years – 3 a year.
2. The first three blogs must be submitted to your editorial mentor **by October in the first year** and the final three by November in the second year.
3. These blogs are not academic – they are meant to be engaging and written to encourage readers to find out more. They are also not meant to be a platform for self-promotion and/or reporting on your own Futures projects.
4. **Continuation into the second year is contingent on completing the 3 blogs by October of the first year.**

### **• Learning**

1. **Introduction** to the programme and learning to write: your introductory session in January.
2. **Fireside Chats**
  - There will be ten two-hour fireside chat sessions with key Futures practitioners held monthly from February to November each year.
  - You will be expected to attend a majority of the Fireside chats.
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3. **Book Review**
  - In the first year, you get to attend monthly learning sessions to review chapters of the book – Strategic Foresight: Learning from the Future, hosted by the 2024 EFs.

### **• Contributing**

1. You will be asked to support each other by giving feedback on blog article drafts.
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3. You will participate in the following year's cohort selection and evaluation process, with 1-2 EFs taking the lead to run the process.

### **• Commitment required**

1. The learning sessions will happen twice monthly, on Fridays 11 am to 1 pm GMT.
2. On top of that, you will need to spare additional time (2-4 hours a month) to write your blogs and contribute to the programme, as mentioned above.
3. You must complete all 6 blogs to receive an Emerging Fellow certificate.
4. You will be provided with a free APF membership in the first year. In the second year, you will have to continue with the APF membership, at a 50% discounted rate.

Thank you for reading the application guide. You can now begin your application by clicking [this link](#).

#### **Pro-tips:**

- Bookmark the application form in your browser for quick access if you're unable to complete it in one sitting.
- All answers entered in the application form will be auto-saved, so your input will be retained even if you leave the form midway. However, to ensure your data is secure—especially your responses to the essay questions—we recommend drafting your essay answers in a separate document before copying them into the form.

# APF EMERGING FELLOW COMMITMENT LETTER

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Signature

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Date & Place

- By signing this letter and submitting the application, I commit to fulfilling my responsibilities as an Emerging Fellow and understand that I will **not** receive individual feedback on the selection decision.
- By providing my digital signature, I confirm that it is true and that I am the person signing this document.