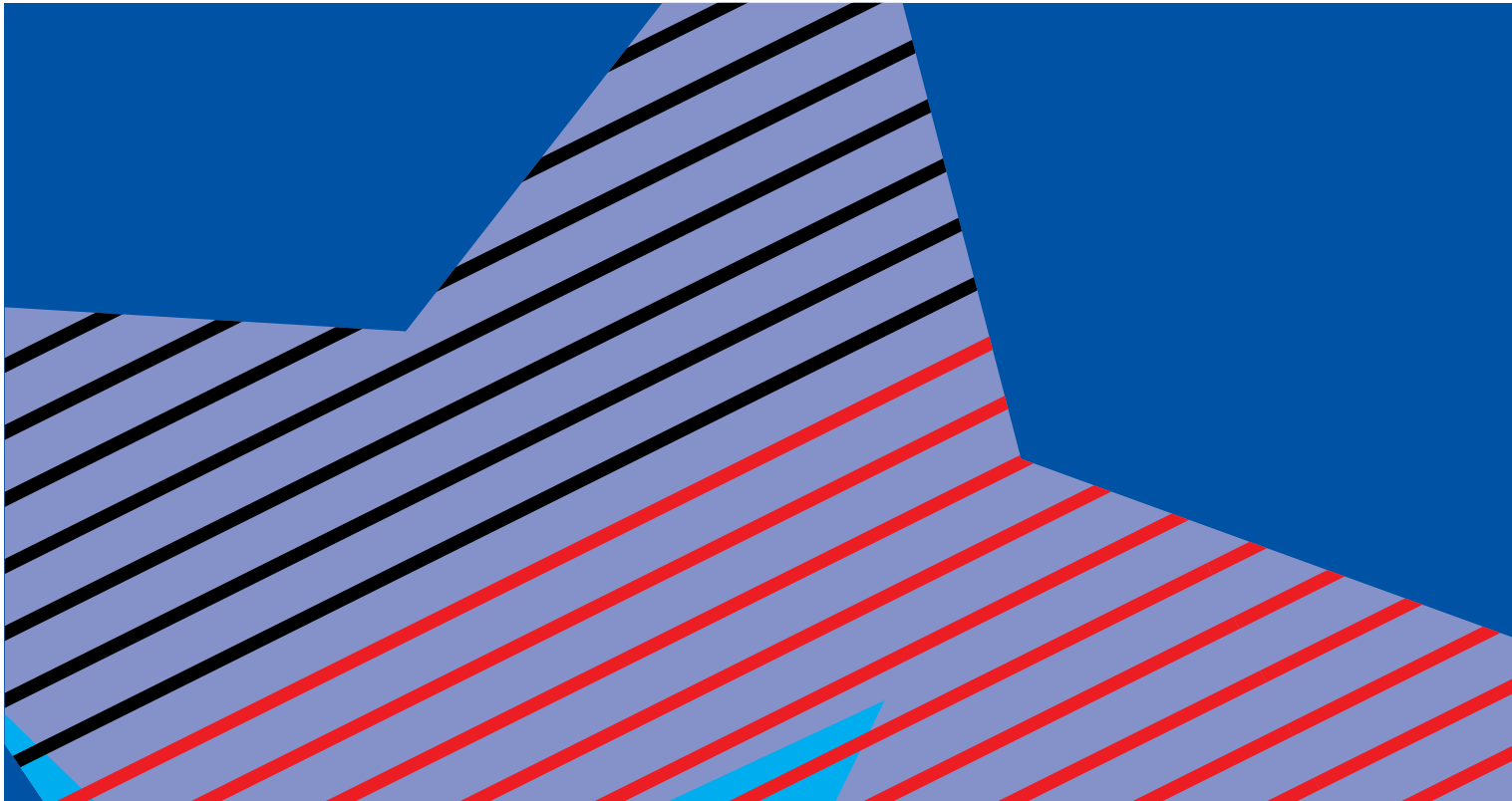


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The Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program

In September 1984, the first group of Robert Bosch Foundation Fellows arrived in Germany. Every year since then, a group of highly accomplished young Americans have been afforded this unique opportunity to acquire first-hand experience in the political, economic and cultural environment of Germany and the European Union. Fellows complete high-level work rotations (“stages”) at leading public and private institutions in Germany tailored to their respective background and professions and participate in seminars involving key decision-makers from the public and private sectors. Through the program’s unique format of seminars and work phases, Bosch Fellows gain an insider’s understanding of the German professional world, make a wide variety of contacts with key decision makers, and become more familiar with German and European views on global issues.

Since its relaunch in 2014, the Bosch Fellowship offers additional flexibility for American professionals looking to gain high-level, practical experience in Germany and expand their networks in Europe. The three core components of the Bosch Fellowship remain the same: customized work phases, discussions with key figures in Germany and Europe through professional seminars, and intensive German language training. Additionally, the program now has a broader range of professional fields, options for program duration, as well as updated eligibility requirements. By opening up this unique opportunity to include

more mid-career professionals from a wider variety of backgrounds, the Bosch Fellowship endeavors to extend its reach and create even deeper ties within the transatlantic sphere.

The program is fully funded by the Robert Bosch Stiftung, one of the largest foundations in Germany, with the goal of fostering a community of American leaders who have first-hand experience in the political, economic and cultural environment of Germany and the European Union.

Fellows are selected from the fields of business administration, cultural management, journalism, law, nonprofit, public policy, and urban planning. Bosch alumni include academics and journalists, senior White House and federal officials, and accomplished business and non-profit leaders.

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Program Summary 2014–2015

The Fellowship year lasts six or nine months, beginning in September and ending in February or May of the following year. Prior to September, Fellows receive one to two months of intensive language training in Berlin.

Seminars

The first seminar session began in September 2014 with a kick-off meeting in Stuttgart (home to the headquarters of the Robert Bosch Foundation and the Robert Bosch GmbH) and focused on Germany’s political system and its role in the European Union. In Berlin, the Fellows received an overview of German history, politics, economy, and society. During an excursion to Brussels they learned about Germany’s role in Europe and became familiar with key actors and the decision-making processes in the European Union. Particularly the current crisis in the transatlantic partnership in the wake of NSA revelations and the Ukraine conflict strongly shaped many of the discussions during this first seminar.

During the second seminar in February 2015, Fellows had the chance to experience the election campaign in one of Germany’s city states, Hamburg. In addition, they learned about the city’s current urban development projects, like Hafencity and Elbphilharmonie. The third seminar in May 2015 mainly focused on the debate surrounding the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and transatlantic cooperation in climate and environmental issues. The Fellows also shaped the seminar content themselves by presenting their “transatlantic topics”, projects they had worked on during the stages, giving them the opportunity to show their professional expertise to their peers and experts from their respective fields.

Work Phases

During their stages the Fellows completed professional assignments in government institutions, like the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, in major companies like Porsche AG or at public institutions like Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) or Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW). There, they not only gained insight into the German working environment and decision-making processes, but also exchanged their professional expertise and interests with their German colleagues.

Selection Committee 2014

American Members

- :: Ms. Michelle Fanzo
President
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- :: Mr. Robert Fenstermacher
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The Robert Bosch Fellows 2014–2015



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- :: California State University
Master of Public Administration
2011
- :: San Diego State University
MA City Planning
2008
- :: The City University of New York – Hunter
BA Urban Studies
2007

Recent Professional Experience:
:: Greater Bridgeport Regional Council,
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Fellowship Placements:
:: SAP Urban Matters



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- :: London School of Economics
MS Regional & Urban Planning Studies
2010
- :: Williams College
BA History & Art History
2004

Recent Professional Experience:
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Fellowship Placements:
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:: Büro Happold Engineering



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- :: Georgetown University
MA German & European Studies
2008
- :: State University of New York at Buffalo
BA International Studies
2005

Recent Professional Experience:
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Fellowship Placements:
:: German Chambers of Commerce
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Evans School of Public Affairs
Master of Public Administration
2009
- :: University of Vermont
BA History
2002

Recent Professional Experience:
:: City of Seattle Office of the Mayor,
Senior Communications & Policy Analyst

Fellowship Placements:
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:: City of Düsseldorf,
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JD-MA Joint Degree,
International Law & Economics
2007
- :: University of Chicago
BA International Studies
2002

Recent Professional Experience:
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Fellowship Placements:
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BS Business Administration
2006
- Recent Professional Experience:
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- :: American University
Dual MA Art History & Arts Management
2004
- :: Bryn Mawr College
BA English
1994

Recent Professional Experience:
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Director of Corporate, Foundation,
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Fellowship Placements:
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Fels Institute of Government
Master of Government Administration
2010
- :: University of Virginia
College of Arts & Sciences
BA Foreign Affairs
2003

Recent Professional Experience:
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Management Analyst

Fellowship Placements:
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:: The Federal Environment Ministry,
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Certificate, Conservation Biology
2012
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BA English
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- Recent Professional Experience:
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- Fellowship Placements:
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School of Public Affairs
Master of Public Policy
2008
- :: American University
School of Public Affairs
BA Justice
2007
- Recent Professional Experience:
 - :: American Action Forum,
Chief Operating Officer
- Fellowship Placements:
 - :: German Parliament,
Office of Marie-Luise Dött (CDU/ CSU)
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Mailman School of Public Health
MPH Reproductive & Family Health
2013
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- Recent Professional Experience:
 - :: Global Doctors for Choice,
Program Associate
- Fellowship Placements:
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MS Environmental Policy & Regulation
2007
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BA Politics
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- Recent Professional Experience:
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Senior Program Associate
- Fellowship Placements:
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International Climate Initiative
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- :: University of California, Berkeley
Master of Landscape Architecture
in Environmental Planning
2010
- :: Middlebury College
BA Environmental Studies & Geography
2005

Recent Professional Experience:
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Fellowship Placements:
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Master of Urban & Regional Planning
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BS Sociology
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Recent Professional Experience:
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Fellowship Placements:
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:: Faktorgrün Freiburg
:: International Council for Local
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Robert Bosch Stiftung

Established in 1964, the Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH is one of the major German foundations associated with a private company. It represents the philanthropic and social endeavors of founder Robert Bosch (1861-1942) and fulfills his legacy in a contemporary manner by taking on challenges of modern day society, developing forward-looking concepts, and putting them into practice in exemplary fashion. The Robert Bosch Stiftung has structured its activities into four program areas:

- :: Health and Science
- :: Education, Society, and Culture
- :: International Relations America and Asia
- :: International Relations Europe and its Neighbours

The Robert Bosch Stiftung, the objectives of which are exclusively non-profit, holds 92% of the capital stock of Robert Bosch GmbH. From 1964 until 2014, the foundation provided approximately 1,3 billion Euros in funding, 68 million Euros in 2014 alone.

Cultural Vistas

Cultural Vistas is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that annually serves more than 5,000 students, professionals, and emerging leaders through career-focused international internships, educational study tours, language immersion and cultural exchange programs in the United States and around the world.

Cultural Vistas has facilitated professional exchange programs and services for visitors coming to the United States, and Americans seeking overseas experiential learning opportunities since 1950.

Cultural Vistas acts as the U.S. representative of the Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program and has administered the program since its inception in 1984. Learn more at culturalvistas.org

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