

Creative Spark and Global Fellowship Initiative

Building Peace Through Innovation



The Creative Spark: An Incubator for Impact

At the GCSP, we believe that transformative change begins with bold ideas – and that, when nurtured in the right environment, these ideas can shape a more peaceful and secure world. The Creative Spark is the GCSP’s flagship incubator and accelerator, designed for senior professionals with innovative ideas or projects they wish to develop and who are passionate about translating innovation into real-world, high-impact solutions.

Even the most promising concepts require fertile ground to flourish. The Creative Spark provides a vibrant, collaborative space where experts from diverse fields come together to challenge assumptions, refine strategies, and strengthen their initiatives through expert input and dynamic dialogue. Here, multidisciplinary engagement is not just encouraged – it is essential!

Through the Creative Spark, creative individuals attempting to develop new ideas benefit from holistic feedback; develop cutting-edge tools in leadership, education, and policymaking; and break down knowledge



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silos to generate actionable projects that contribute to sustainable peace and development.

Leveraging the GCSP’s strategic location in the heart of International Geneva, the Creative Spark provides unique access to global resources, leading organisations and cutting-edge research. This environment fosters invaluable connections and knowledge exchange, empowering visionary individuals to exchange knowledge, refine their ideas, and amplify the real-world impacts of their projects.

In today’s complex and rapidly evolving security landscape, the Creative Spark stands out as a uniquely neutral and inclusive platform that is rooted in Swiss values of neutrality, independence, and collaboration, and inspired by the Esprit de Genève. It draws on Geneva’s legacy as a global hub for diplomacy and innovation to

address the world’s most pressing challenges, ranging from peace and security to health, human rights, trade, and finance.

Projects incubated through the Creative Spark benefit from this rich ecosystem, turning visionary ideas into practical, scalable solutions. By harnessing the collective intelligence of International Geneva’s and the GCSP’s diverse communities, the Creative Spark inspires and fuels innovation – potentially reshaping the global landscape and proactively addressing emerging challenges.

Looking ahead, the Creative Spark looks forward to welcoming new initiatives and support existing ones, offering shared services and fostering innovation with the help of these vibrant communities.



Global Fellowship Initiative: Networking at Its Best

The Global Fellowship Initiative (GFI) welcomes a diverse group of Fellows, each bringing fresh perspectives from a wide range of sectors, including technology, diplomacy, academia, media and civil society. With innovation at its heart, the GFI harnesses the power of cross-sectoral diversity by creating a dynamic networking and collaboration system to generate transformative solutions to the world's most pressing international security challenges.

Whether in career transition, preparing for a new assignment, or seeking an exceptional opportunity for professional growth, the GFI is designed for you. As a GFI Fellow, you join a dynamic platform where learning, idea exchange and co-creation thrive. Here, you will expand your personal and professional networks while collaborating to tackle pressing geopolitical challenges.



Our commitment to diversity and the cross-pollination of ideas fuels creativity and drives impactful innovation. The GFI provides a safe, inclusive space to learn, reflect, share, and lead, enabling Fellows to build bridges, challenge assumptions, and promote peace and security.

At the heart of the GFI is a commitment to agility and innovation in the face of evolving global security dynamics. Our hybrid fellowship model – offering both in-residence and online participation – ensures that thought leaders from around the world can connect, contribute, and collaborate essentially without boundaries. This structure fosters inclusive, cross-cultural dialogue and empowers our Fellows to think beyond traditional paradigms.

By bridging geographical, professional, and disciplinary divides, the GFI creates the conditions for fresh, actionable insights that directly inform the future of international peace and security.

Looking ahead, the GFI is expanding its impact and growing through new strategic partnerships with visionary institutions equally committed to reshaping the global security landscape. These alliances provide access to advanced resources and interdisciplinary knowledge, enabling our Fellows to deepen their work and deliver real-world outcomes, and positioning our partners at the forefront of innovation, research, and dialogue in the fields of peace and security.

As we move forward, the GFI remains dedicated to empowering the next generation of changemakers – individuals and organisations ready to lead with creativity, courage, and conviction. Through meaningful collaboration and a steadfast commitment to innovation, we invite you to join us in shaping a more secure, resilient, and peaceful world.



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The GFI offers five tailored fellowship paths, each of which is offered residually in Geneva or online, designed to nurture the innovative thinking of both emerging and established professionals.

Government Fellows are empowered to reflect, ideate, and prepare for upcoming challenges between postings by leveraging the GCSP's resources and global network.

Executives-in-Residence are encouraged to progress their unique professional projects while tapping into a rich network of expertise and an intellectually stimulating environment.

Doctoral Fellows contribute to cutting-edge research, share their scholarly work globally and build cross-border academic connections.

Young Leaders in Foreign and Security Policy gain practical experience through impactful projects in a multicultural setting and prepare themselves for future leadership roles.

Associate Fellows share their unique expertise, advance projects aligned with the GCSP's mission, and leverage the Centre's resources and prominent position at the heart of International Geneva.



Regardless of the path they choose, our Fellows expand their horizons, gain invaluable insights and forge lasting connections that empower them to drive positive change. The GFI's dynamic community forms an ever-growing network that helps its members to spark innovative thinking and collaborative solutions to the world's most pressing security challenges.

Engage With Us

International peace and security are currently fragile. Trust is eroding, divisions are deepening and misunderstandings are on the rise. The GCSP's work is critical in response to this situation.

The support of partners and donors is vital for us to offer activities that unite diverse stakeholders to develop ideas, policy options, and solutions. Thus, we can all contribute to shaping a resilient global order to advance peace, cooperation and sustainable security.

The roles of partnerships and donors are closely interlinked. Partners commission and fund specific projects, while other donors may direct their contributions to be used more broadly to financially support individuals or activities. We work carefully to ensure we meet all partner and donor priorities to maximise the impact of their support in a variety of ways.

How will you support our mission and advance global peace, cooperation, and security?



The Global Scholarship Fund: Empower future leaders by sponsoring their participation in our transformative courses.



Fellowships: Nurture the innovative thinking of emerging and established professionals through our Fellowship Initiative.



Programmes: Opportunity to fund a tailored programme through a strategic partnership or through one of our departments.



Projects: Support our ongoing initiatives with your targeted or broadly applicable donations.



Publications: Advance research on global security by contributing to and supporting the production and dissemination of our publication series.



Events: Partner with us in providing venues, experts or other contributions to our events such as our Geneva Security Debates series.

