

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

GLOBSEC Young Leaders Forum Working Group and 2013 GLOBSEC Young Leaders Forum

In April 2013, Bratislava will yet again become a hub of security and foreign policymaking as top government, military and diplomat officials as well as business and NGO leaders will gather for the leading foreign policy and security forum in Central Europe, the annual [GLOBSEC Forum](#). On this occasion, the Slovak Atlantic Commission is seeking to engage leading young minds in the 2013 GLOBSEC Young Leaders Forum and the preceding online activities that build on the tradition of the highly-successful Young Atlanticist Summit organized jointly with the Atlantic Council of the United States of America in 2012.

To develop an enduring conversation on the issues that will be discussed at the Forum, we will convene a global, non-partisan Working Group of talented professional leaders (ages 25-35) to take part in a substantive, forward-looking dialogue about transatlantic and global security issues, and to form a community of peers. Participants of the Working Group will have access to private web and phone conferences with leading experts, and have the opportunity to participate in a high profile:

GLOBSEC YOUNG LEADERS FORUM on April 18-20, 2013, held in conjunction with the [GLOBSEC Forum](#)

We are currently seeking applications to join this Working Group from exceptional candidates from all NATO and Partnership for Peace (PfP) countries,¹ as well as Mediterranean Dialogue members², and other NATO partner countries.

GLOBSEC Young Leaders Forum Working Group

The GLOBSEC Young Leaders Forum Working Group will unite emerging leaders from countries of NATO and beyond, with the vision of creating a vibrant dialogue, building networks, and encouraging future collaboration on issues pertaining to NATO, transatlantic relations but also other pressing global economic and political challenges. The GLOBSEC YLF Working Group will engage its members through a unique platform:

- Private dialogue and best practices sharing via Facebook Group
- Content preparation prior to face-to-face interaction with leaders at the Forum
- Create a citizens journalism assignment in the selection process of the Forum
- Attendance at the GLOBSEC Young Leaders Forum: April 18-20, 2013
- Establish professional contacts with peers and senior stakeholders

For those selected, accommodation and board subsidies will be available to help offset the participation cost. Travel grants may be available on individual basis. The forum delegates will be selected from the working group using a merit-based incentive structure that will award a variety of related activities including, but not limited to:

¹ Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Malta, The Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

² Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia

- Sustained participation in an ongoing dialogue held within a private Facebook group
- Collaborative published work authored by 2 or more working group members
- Published media mentions of program activities

The GLOBSEC Young Leaders Forum at GLOBSEC 2013:

The GLOBSEC Young Leaders Forum Working Group will be represented by selected 10 Slovak delegates, and 20 International delegates. GLOBSEC brings together nearly 500 key security and foreign policy figures from both sides of the Atlantic, and has become the leading annual Forum on foreign policy and security in Central Europe. It has acquired a stable position in the calendar of major European conferences as the only annual forum of its kind in Central Europe.

GLOBSEC YLF 2013 Program Timeline

March 3, midnight CET — Applications Deadline

March 18— Announcement of 30 selected delegates for GLOBSEC Young Leaders Forum Working Group

March and April — Activities, and briefings, including on-line conference calls

April 18-20 — GLOBSEC YLF 2013

Application Information

We are currently seeking applications from exceptional young professionals, aged 25-35, and are targeting young professionals from the fields of international relations, defense, security, journalism, international business, NGO, and academia. Successful candidates will ideally be passionate about international relations and will have demonstrated leadership abilities.

Applicant Requirements

- Between 25 and 35 years of age
- NATO or PfP country citizenship, Mediterranean Dialogue, or partner (Australia, Japan) citizenship
- Past experience relating to: security or defense policy; democratic transitions; international law; international energy policy; journalism; electoral politics; humanitarian issues; or any other fields of relevance to the transatlantic partnership.
- Working knowledge of English
- Willingness to engage in regular online activity over an extended period of time
- Interest in long-term engagement with peers on issues pertaining to transatlantic relations
- Applicants who have previously participated in Bratislava Young Atlanticist Summit 2012 are not eligible to apply

To be considered for this program, interested parties should submit the online [application](#) and upload the following materials:

- Current CV, including nationality and age;
- Essay 1 (500 words, compulsory) ; Essay 2 (750 words, compulsory) – the themes are defined in the online application form

****Please note that recruitment will be conducted on a competitive basis. Current or prior organizational affiliations will be taken into consideration, but will not guarantee selection.***