

THE POLICY CORNER

STUDENTS PROFILE

5/6 students with experience in one or more of the following areas: policy writing, editing, fundraising, media design, event planning. Experience in setting up and working Ngo strongly preferred. Fluency in French and/or German is an advantage (although the project's primary working language is English).

PARTNER

The Policy Corner
policycorner.org

PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT

Felix Hoffmann, President and Sarah Bressan, Vice President

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INSTITUTION AND CONTEXT OF THE PROJECT

The Policy Corner is an inclusive, independent platform for students and young professionals to publish research-based articles on global issues. Our mission is to empower young scholars to engage in public debate while providing readers with innovative commentaries on current policy challenges. All articles are subject to double-blind peer review, providing contributors constructive feedback on their argument and writing.

EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Our goal is to give students and young professionals the tools to engage in policy debates on meaningful topics related to their field of study, gain experience in project management and acquire organizational skills. At the same time, students will have the chance to improve their writing and editing skills. Students participating will be able to apply the knowledge they have gained in their studies in practice, and gain hands-on experience in setting up an organizational structure, organizing events and writing competitions, editing, writing, fundraising, outreach and communications.

This projet collectif offers the opportunity to work with an engaged international team, in a startup like environment. Project management skills that can be acquired include market analysis, setting up the organizational structures of a policy writing network in Paris, coordinating the work of said project, raising funds for events and writing competitions and ensuring sustainability of the organizational structures beyond the projet collectif itself.

With support from the Policy Corner Team in Berlin, students will be asked to create a Policy Writing Network Paris, which includes establishing clear roles and responsibilities for individuals, ensuring reliable communication and pursuit of the aims of the organization. The organizational structure consists, but is not limited to, chair and vice-chair, fundraising, recruitment, outreach, editorial and copy-edit. In addition, students will be asked to use the established structures to organize a writing competition within the Sciences Po student body on a topic of their choosing. This requires a clear communication and outreach strategy to encourage submissions, finding a professional jury and raising funds for an award ceremony. The writing competition will serve as a stress test for the established organization and lessons learned should be implemented before the end of the projet collectif to ensure the sustainability of the Policy Writing Network Paris.

RESULTS AND DELIVERABLES INTENDED

- Develop clear roles for the Policy Writing Network's organizing team and assign responsibilities.
- Develop and implement a project management plan.
- Plan and implement a writing competition at Sciences Po including outreach, fundraising and an award ceremony event.
- Ensure at least 15 external submissions and turn them into high-quality publications on The Policy Corner, including peer-review and copy edit according to The Policy Corner guidelines.
- Ensure the sustainability of established structures by including new members, and clearly define aims and responsibilities.
- Submit at least one original article on The Policy Corner (each team member), including review process and publication.

METHODOLOGY

Representatives from the Berlin team of The Policy Corner will meet three times in Paris: to kick off the project, halfway through, and at the end of the year. On a monthly basis, our coordinator in Paris will organize a meeting and give different thematic inputs (setting up an organization; peer-review and copy-edit process; communication...), which will support the group's work and will be an opportunity to discuss progress. The Paris team is expected to meet weekly to coordinate ongoing project management, communication and their work.

SCHEDULE

- September 2018: Launch meeting. The Policy Corner team will give feedback and a workshop and we will discuss the process of how to set up sustainable organizations structures
- October 2018: Discussion of the project management plan, progress in setting up organizational structures
- November 2018: input on peer-review and editorial guidelines, presentation of writing competition strategy
- December 2018: discussion of progress and challenges. Submission deadline for individual op-eds. Outreach work for the writing competition.

- February 2018: Mid-way meeting in Paris. Presentation of sustainability strategy for the Policy Writing Network.
- March 2018: Peer-review, copy-edit and rating of submitted articles.
- April 2018: organization and realization of award winning ceremony, including outreach and communication strategy.
- April/ May 2018: Final Meeting with focus on future aims and structure of the Policy Writing Network in Paris.

LOGISTIC

The students will have access to the Team Projects' room, equipped with a computer, a printer and a phone.

In cooperation with the Project Collectif students, Policy Corner aims to enable students to come to Berlin for a joint workshop with Policy Corner and expert guests. Costs will need to be covered through successful fundraising.