



Baltic Defence College Fellowship Stipend Call

The Baltic Defence College Fellowship stipend aims to support young scholars in the defence and security field.

The Baltic Defence College (BALTDEFCOL), established in 1999 by the three Baltic states—Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia—is a NATO accredited education and training facility. BALTDEFCOL provides professional military education to intermediate- and senior-level officers and government officials from the Baltic states, their allies, and partners. As a center of strategic and operational research, the college is dedicated to fostering academic excellence and leadership in the field of defense and security.

We are pleased to announce a call for applications for a fellowship stipend of up to 2000 euros to support research into security and defence-related topics connected to the Baltic region. This stipend is intended to assist PhD students, junior researchers, and junior lecturers in their academic and professional development. It can be utilized for travel, accommodation, participation fees, and other related expenses, and it is reimbursed based on receipts.

Throughout the project, fellows will have access to the BALTDEFCOL library and subject matter experts for consultation and mentoring, helping to develop the research. The fellows would be encouraged to publish their work in the Journal on Baltic Security and are expected to present findings to the faculty at the BALTDEFCOL. The publication in the BALTDEFCOL academic Journal on Baltic Security is an excellent opportunity for academic professionals. The journal is a peer-reviewed twice-yearly publication, focusing on the security and defence issues important for the Wider Baltic region, exploring the current and future challenges faced by its changing strategic environment, and proposing solutions for the pressing problems of the day.

Research proposals should aim to contribute to the academic and professional discourse within military leadership, security, and strategic studies and be relevant for the Baltic countries. Proposals might, if feasible, also consider integrating contemporary security challenges, operational strategies, and multinational defence collaboration, as these are key areas of focus for BALTDEFCOL. Furthermore, the final product of the research should explicitly acknowledge the support and resources provided by BALTDEFCOL.

Application Requirements:

- A research proposal
- Budget proposal
- A curriculum vitae (CV).

Important Dates:

- Application Deadline: 15 March 2025
- Notification of Results: 30 March 2025
- The fellowship stipend must be utilized by the end of November 2025.

Applications should be sent to Dr Tiia-Triin Truusa at tiia-triin.truusa@baltdefcol.org.

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