



Global South
Dialogue on
Economic Crime

**Call for Applications:
Global South Dialogue on Economic Crime (GSDEC) Summer Fellowship 2026**

Fellowship Period: Monday, 1 June – 28 August 2026

Duration: 3 Months

Format: Remote / Virtual

The Global South Dialogue on Economic Crime (GSDEC) is pleased to announce its 2026 Call for Applications for its Research and Policy Fellowship.

This inaugural fellowship will support early- and mid-career researchers or policy analysts whose work advances understanding of how financial crime research intersects with other research areas and translates into policy across Global South contexts. GSDEC's Fellowship is open to highly talented and innovative scholars that:

1. Have a Master's degree
2. Are doctoral candidates, or
3. Are post-doctoral candidates

working in law, economics, statistics, policy, criminology and related disciplines; and can demonstrate the potential to bridge disciplines and connect research to policy and practice.

The Fellowship is designed to offer a structured opportunity to contribute to research, policy and academic engagement at the intersection of financial crime and financial inclusion, digital finance governance, and judicial integrity and reform. During this 10-week fellowship, Fellows will engage directly with GSDEC's ongoing research and policy priorities.

About GSDEC

The Global South Dialogue on Economic Crime (GSDEC) is a policy and practice hub that translates academic research into context-responsive operational solutions across financial crime, justice systems and financial inclusion.

The Global South Dialogue on Economic Crime (GSDEC) advances equitable and effective responses to financial crime, governance and justice challenges in the Global South by generating research and policy recommendations, while building institutional capacity and convening multistakeholder coalitions that translate evidence into practice. GSDEC works with governments, practitioners and communities to strengthen financial integrity, justice systems and inclusive digital economies through research and technical assistance grounded in Global South perspectives.

What Fellows Will Do

During the fellowship, successful applicants will be expected to:

- Work on their research proposal aligned to one of GSDEC's priority areas and get feedback/guidance from GSDEC members/advisory with a view to publication.
- Contribute to GSDEC projects by assisting in the translation of existing research to policy briefs that advance the Network's engagement with stakeholders.
- Potentially contribute to the preparation or submission of applications for research grants identified by the Network, either as a named contributor or in a supporting capacity.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications are welcome from individuals who meet the following criteria:

- Completed a Masters degree, a PhD candidate at an accredited university or a postdoctoral candidate.
- Working in a relevant discipline, including but not limited to: law, economics, statistics, public policy, criminology, or international relations.
- Ability to translate research to policy documents, draft academic proposals and engage in academic/stakeholder discussions.
- Demonstrable research interest in economic/financial crime, anti-corruption, money laundering, illicit financial flows, or related areas.
- Capacity to commit meaningfully to the fellowship activities over a 3 months period, including attendance at bi-weekly virtual meetings with GSDEC.
- Proficiency in written and spoken English.

What GSDEC Offers

Selected Fellows will receive:

- Suitable supervision on your research proposal over a period of 3 months, with publishing opportunities at the Financial Regulation International (practitioner's journal) or Journal of Economic Criminology (research journal). The fellow may also publish in a journal of their choice.
- Formal affiliation with the GSDEC Network for the duration of the fellowship, and recognition as a GSDEC Summer Fellow.
- Access to GSDEC's network of researchers, practitioners, academics, and policymakers working on economic and financial crime.
- The opportunity to contribute to research and policy outputs of the Network.
- A certificate of completion issued by GSDEC upon successful fulfilment of the fellowship.

Please note that the GSDEC Summer Fellowship is a non-paid programme. Fellows are expected to participate on a voluntary basis

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit the following documents:

- A current curriculum vitae (CV), including details of academic qualifications, publications or working papers, and any relevant professional or research experience.

- A personal statement (maximum 600 words) describing the applicant's research interests, their relevance to GSDEC's focus areas, and what the applicant hopes to contribute to and gain from the fellowship.
- A brief research or writing sample (published or unpublished) demonstrating the applicant's analytical and written capabilities.
- Contact details for one academic or professional referee who may be approached by GSDEC if required.

Applications should be submitted by [filling out the form here](#).

Application Deadline

Applications must be received no later than 20 May 2026. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Shortlisted candidates will be notified by 25 May 2026.

Contact and Further Information

For enquiries regarding the fellowship or the application process, please contact GSDEC at gsdecnetwork@gmail.com. Further information about GSDEC's work, membership, and publications is available through the Network's website at www.gsdec.org.

GSDEC is committed to diversity and inclusion in its fellowship programme.

We strongly encourage applications from researchers based in or working in Global South jurisdictions, as well as from women and other underrepresented groups in research and academia.