

Ambassador

Being an EST Ambassador means becoming part of a pan-European network of students and young professionals and helping bring EST closer to your local community. As an Ambassador, you will have the opportunity to contribute to EST's work, develop your own ideas, collaborate with peers across Europe and gain practical experience in a youth-led think tank.

Role Description

As an EST Ambassador, you will act as a point of contact between EST and your local community, while contributing to the work of the International Office and the wider EST network.

Ambassadors are expected to make **meaningful and consistent contributions throughout the term**. Rather than requiring a fixed contribution every month, the programme is structured around a number of objectives to be achieved over the course of the term. This provides Ambassadors with flexibility to organise their work around their studies, work and other commitments, while maintaining an active role within the organisation.

During the term, every Ambassador is expected to complete the following **minimum requirements**:

- **2 articles** on relevant political, social or European affairs topics;
- **2 infographics** on relevant topics;
- meaningful participation in **at least 1 strategic EST project**, such as the EST Academy, a Special Issue or another EST initiative;
- **1 proposal for a potential external partner**, such as a university, student association, NGO, Europe Direct centre or another relevant organisation;
- **1 collaborative activity** with another EST Ambassador or EST member, such as a joint article, infographic, event or other initiative.

Ambassadors are strongly encouraged to go beyond these requirements by proposing additional projects, developing their own ideas and collaborating with other members of the EST network.

Contributions may overlap where appropriate. For example, a collaborative article can count both as an article and as a collaborative activity.

In addition, Ambassadors are expected to:

- Participate in monthly meetings with fellow Ambassadors and assigned International Officers.
- Participate in EST-wide meetings and activities.
- Provide regular updates on their activities, ongoing work and plans.

Trial period

The **first three months of the term will constitute a trial period**. During this period, Ambassadors are expected to actively participate in the programme, maintain regular communication with their International Officer and complete at least one contribution or project from the requirements outlined above.

The trial period is intended to ensure that both the Ambassador and EST have a clear understanding of the role and expectations before continuing for the remainder of the term.

What can you expect from the International Office?

As an Ambassador, you will be supported throughout the term by the International Office. This will include:

- regular meetings and check-ins with your International Officer;
- guidance on contributions and projects;
- opportunities to collaborate with other Ambassadors and EST departments;
- information about EST projects and opportunities;
- feedback and support when developing your work.

At the beginning of the term, you will also receive an overview of the programme, including its expectations, timelines and available opportunities.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for motivated and proactive candidates who:

- Are students or young professionals
- Are interested in European affairs, International Relations and public policy.
- Show initiative and are willing to develop their own ideas.
- Can **commit consistently** to the role throughout the term.
- Are able to work independently as well as collaboratively.
- Are willing to engage with both EST's network and their local community.
- Have a good command of English.

Previous experience in student organisations, youth initiatives, volunteering or similar activities is an asset, but **not required**. What matters most is your motivation, reliability and willingness to actively contribute to the EST community.

Eligibility and Practical Information

As EST's activities and online meetings are organised according to the **Central European Time (CET/CEST) time zone**, we are currently accepting applications from people residing in countries within **±2 hours of this time zone**, for logistical reasons.

All positions within EST are **voluntary and unpaid**. All selected members are required to pay a **small membership fee**, which contributes to the administrative costs of the organisation.

Application Process

If you are interested in joining the International Office, please complete the **application form** and upload your CV and motivation letter. Applications will be assessed on a **rolling basis**. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview.

If you have any questions about the role, please contact the current Head of the International Office at **head.international.office@esthinktank.com**.

FORM LINK: <https://forms.gle/g15rzPRWRnSjVMXM8>