



## Senior Fellow, Global Programs

**Reports to:** co-Executive Directors

**Location:** Remote, some travel required

**Employment:** This is a part-time independent contractor role at 25 hours per week, with annual compensation of \$95,000 — calibrated to roughly a \$150,000 full-time salary pegged to New York City. For candidates based elsewhere, compensation will be set against that NYC benchmark through a transparent process shared at offer stage. No visa sponsorship is available for this position.

### About the AI Now Institute

The AI Now Institute is an independent research institute providing expert analysis on AI in the public interest. Our organization acts as a source of actionable evidence, strategic narrative, and a key ally for coalition-building. We combine analytical precision and empirical rigor with political narrative, uniquely able to traverse the elite/decisionmaker and grassroots spaces needed to effectively shape narratives around AI development - and translate ideas into action.

Our work and public profile has continually defied the boundaries of research, policy, and advocacy, driving the popularization of the power analysis around AI and deploying it alongside rigorous research outputs that span a spectrum of AI-related concerns, from data centers to healthcare to national security. We build connective tissue across issues and theories of change, as primary experts on AI and the public interest.

We are at a key inflection point as an organization, poised for significant growth and impact but with a long lens on the field that gives us a steady hand at the wheel. As such, we are intentionally scaling up our team of seasoned experts in order to steer our capacity for urgently needed impact in the field.

### This Role

The Senior Fellow, Global Programs, will lead a tightly scoped, policy-responsive workstream at the intersection of AI, industrial strategy, and global political economy; building on AI Now's existing research on [AI nationalism](#) and translating it into a directed research and policy agenda.

The terrain around "AI sovereignty" is rapidly being reshaped by an aggressive US industrial policy battling for AI companies in foreign markets, the proliferation of Chinese open-source models, and responses from nations around the world that range from resignation to going on the offensive as they grapple with the tech oligarchy's global impact. The result is a global discourse around AI sovereignty is increasingly technocratic and geopolitically framed, undermining the serious consequences for the public impacted by how these technologies are deployed and the consolidations of power they drive.



The role has three intertwined functions. First, it will shape a responsive workstream that bridges US domestic and international AI policy, taking AI Now's existing work forward into a directed research and policy program. Second, it will identify and pursue real levers to build public interest presence and influence in these debates, in both US policy venues and high-level global fora. Third, the Senior Fellow will strengthen and grow AI Now's global partnerships and research network, with special emphasis on building relationships and collaborative capacity outside the US and EU.

**An illustrative list of research and policy areas that you would track and prioritize for 2026-27 include:**

1. How the US push to export its AI industry is reshaping the global market for government AI deals
2. AI policy at the domestic/international interface, e.g., trade policy
3. Domestic and international implications of the US-China AI race

**Primary Responsibilities**

- Set and drive the Global Programs workstream including setting the research and policy agenda in collaboration with the Co-EDs, producing original research and written outputs (reports and other public facing analysis), and ensuring the workstream is responsive to actionable policy windows and supportive of partner organizations internationally.
- Serve as AI Now's substantive interface in partnership with peer institutions working on these issues domestically and in other jurisdictions, co-developing shared policy and narrative interventions on AI sovereignty and industrial policy.
- Strengthen and grow AI Now's partnerships and research network, with special emphasis on building relationships and collaborative capacity outside the US and EU.
- Identify and represent high-impact convenings, expert consultations, and public-facing engagements relevant to the workstream.
- Engage in proactive and reactive media communications with support from the communications team.

**Skills, Qualifications and Experience**

- 10+ years of experience in the field of public policy and research, with some professional experience at the intersection of technology, political economy, industrial policy, and/or trade.
- Familiarity with and experience building networks in non-US/EU regions is a high priority for this role, given the global orientation of the agenda-crafting work and our existing networks.



- Academic or policy experience in international political economy, economics, and/or trade is a plus.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, able to fluidly translate technical concepts in an accessible and compelling manner for broad public consumption
- Ability to work with a high degree of agency and independence
- Ability to navigate and excel in a dynamic work environment, including agile multi-tasking to adeptly manage multiple work streams with flexibility and adaptability.
- Ability to drive processes and timelines to meet deadlines.
- Unwavering attention to detail and high levels of organization, ensuring precision and thoroughness in all tasks.
- A high degree of professionalism and confidentiality.

**To Apply:**

Please send an email to [jobs@ainowinstitute.org](mailto:jobs@ainowinstitute.org) with the application materials listed below by **end of day July 3, 2026:**

- Subject line: Senior Fellow Global Programs - [Your Name]
- Resume/CV
- Cover letter briefly explaining your interest in the role and relevant experience

*Please Note:* If you use AI for any part of your application, please disclose at the bottom of your cover letter which tools you used and how.