

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



GA! Think Tank is looking for two ambitious individuals who want to help govern one of the Netherlands' most promising student-led think tanks.

■ DEADLINE: 1 JULY 2026

■ UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS

■ 2 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

HISTORY AS A LENS FOR TODAY'S CHALLENGES

Established in 2022, GA! has grown into a vibrant and diverse forum and think tank focused on exploring international relations, in all its forms, through the prism of history. Building on knowledge from students of various backgrounds and adopting a multidisciplinary approach, GA! thrives on diversity.

GA! is a trusted and growing organisation, having worked with professors from various universities, including Leiden and Utrecht, and experts from Clingendael, HCSS, and the Ministry of the Interior. This initiative was founded to foster and create opportunities for talented students to grow their voices in a challenging field.

SOME OF OUR PARTNERS

Utrecht University	Clingendael	HCSS
Ministry of Interior (BZK)	UHSK	Several National Embassies

What makes us different: Resourcefulness, creativity, pro-activity, and passion are key qualities that differentiate successful members. We produce magazines, podcasts, and organise public events in collaboration with leading institutions.

WHY JOIN

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW

GA! offers a unique opportunity for talented students to further their careers while showcasing their capabilities. Under the guidance of our Strategic and Advisory Boards, you will gain invaluable experience in running a think tank in a dynamic environment.

★ Career acceleration

Leadership experience within a growing non-profit organisation demonstrates initiative, responsibility, and ambition.

Whether your future lies in government, academia, consultancy, diplomacy, research, or the private sector, experience within GA! provides a strong foundation.

■ Network expansion

Connect directly with ministries, universities, and think tanks like Clingendael and HCSS. Build relationships with professors, experts, and fellow passionate students that continue long after your board term ends.

■ Strategic leadership experience

Shape long-term strategy, govern a growing organisation, develop new initiatives, and deliver real impact in academic and policy discussions while leading the Executive Board and specialised committees.

■ Real impact

Your decisions directly influence the future direction of GA! Think Tank. You will help ensure that future generations of students can continue building on the platform we are creating today.

STRATEGIC BOARD: WHAT DOES IT DO?

The Strategic Board safeguards the long-term continuity and development of the organisation. The Strategic Board essentially governs the organisation and provides strategic advice to the Executive Board, the body which operates the daily operations of the think tank. In practice, the Strategic Board:

- Oversees governance and organisational development
- Safeguards continuity between board generations
- Helps ensure financial sustainability
- Contributes to long-term strategy

The board consists of:

1. **The President**
2. **The Secretary** — CURRENTLY OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS
3. **The Treasurer** — CURRENTLY OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

SECRETARY OF THE STRATEGIC BOARD

The Organisational Anchor

The Secretary plays a central role in ensuring continuity and effective governance. Responsibilities include:

- Preparing Strategic Board meetings
- Maintaining governance documentation
- Supporting decision-making processes
- Safeguarding institutional knowledge
- Facilitating communication between Strategic, Advisory & Executive boards

Ideal for students interested in:

- History
- Political Science
- Public Administration & Governance
- Organisational Strategy
- Non-Profit Leadership

TREASURER OF THE STRATEGIC BOARD

Safeguarding the Financial Future of the Organisation

The Treasurer helps ensure the long-term sustainability of GA! Think Tank. Responsibilities include:

- Monitoring financial health
- Supporting budgeting and planning
- Advising on sustainability
- Contributing to funding strategies
- Supporting long-term growth

Ideal for students interested in:

- Finance
- Political Science
- Public Administration & Governance
- Organisational Strategy
- Non-Profit Leadership

WHO SHOULD APPLY

We are looking for students and young professionals who are:

- **Curious**
- **Proactive**
- **Reliable**
- **Professional**
- **Eager to learn**
- **Willing to take ownership**

Previous board experience is welcome, but not required.

We value potential, motivation, and initiative above experience.

FLEXIBLE COMMITMENT

These positions are voluntary and can be combined with studies or professional work.

The expected time commitment is flexible and manageable while still providing meaningful leadership experience. The workload differs depending on the specific period, but you can generally expect **approximately 10–12 hours a month.**

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit:

1. **Motivation Letter (max. 1 A4)**

Explain:

- Why you would like to join the Strategic Board
- Which position you are applying for
- What you hope to contribute to GA!

2. **Resume / CV**

Highlight relevant experience, extracurricular activities, and skills.

3. **Supporting Materials**

Examples include:

- Writing samples
- Project portfolios
- Previous board experience

APPLICATION DEADLINE

■ **Wednesday 1 July
2026**

■ **17:00 CET**

Applications can be submitted to: president@gathinktank.com

CC: secretary@gathinktank.com

Subject line: Application Strategic Board – [Your Name]

Important: We encourage anyone with interest to apply. If you do not secure a Strategic Board position, opportunities remain in our Executive Board or specialised committees.