

# IJP INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS' PROGRAMMES

## 1<sup>st</sup> German-Japanese Fellowship Programme

Within the framework of the German-Asian Journalists' Fellowship Programme, grants have been awarded annually since 1995 to German and Asian journalists.

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Due to geopolitical shifts and reflecting the importance of Japan as host of the G7 meeting, IJP, for the first time, will offer a fellowship project exclusively for Japan in 2023. This programme will put a strong focus on economics, geopolitics, environment/energy, and new technologies.

A total of five journalists from Japan and five from Germany will have the opportunity to participate in a two-month stay abroad in the respective countries.

### Objective

The International Journalists' Programmes /IJP, a non-profit organization based in Germany, has been offering scholarship programmes for freelance and permanent journalists for over 40 years. These exchange programmes allow on a bilateral basis to get to know a country and its media landscape as a guest reporter.

With the help of this programme, journalists can gain a personal impression of politics, business, culture and everyday social life in the host country.

The various IJP fellowship programmes are supported by foundations, private sponsors plus funding from the German Foreign Office.

### The fellowship

The fellowships begin mid-October with a joint two-and-a-half-day introductory meeting in Berlin. Prior to this, there will be two online meetings in September, which will give the participants the first opportunity to get to know each other. Furthermore, through short lectures, insights into the respective customs of everyday working life of the host host country will be provided.

The stays in the host country, which usually last up to eight weeks, take place between mid-October and mid-December, 2023.

No pandemic-related restrictions are expected at the time of the call. Should there be any current changes, these will be taken into account in consultation with the participants.

A closing conference is planned to take place in Tokyo by mid-December.

Six weeks after completing the fellowship, participants submit their journalistic products and an illustrated personal report of at least five pages. The texts and report will be included in a final print documentation.

All fellows are invited to get involved in the IJP global alumni network beyond this programme.

Each successful applicant will receive a one-time payment of 4,000 euros. The amount is intended to cover travel expenses, living expenses on site, and qualified health insurance abroad. A personal contribution is expected. Remuneration for the work on site is not foreseen.

### **Application**

Applications are open to all journalists between 28 and 45 years of age who work as freelancers or as permanent employees for a Japanese media company.

Knowledge of the German language is not a prerequisite, however, working knowledge of English is expected.

### **Application portfolio**

The following documents must be submitted in **ONE pdf document** by May 15, 2023:

- Curriculum vitae
- A letter of reference from the head of department or editor-in-chief (which also supports the application, ensures leave of absence for the duration of the fellowship, if applicable, and serves as proof of journalistic activity)
- A list of links to relevant articles
- Outline of one specific research project should, covering two pages is a prerequisite for a successful application, further research ideas might be just sketched briefly
- Additionally, a one-and-a-half-minute application video in English, should be submitted, clearly outlining the motivation for the host country and the research project. A recording by cell phone is sufficient. Please send the video via [wetansfer](#) and include the download link in the PDF.

The selection will be made without recourse to legal action by a jury on the basis of the application documents and, if necessary, a virtual selection interview.

Notifications of participation in the programme will be sent by the end of June 2023.

### **Application address**

Please send inquiries about the programme or the application process to: [johns@ijp.org](mailto:johns@ijp.org) and cc: [natsuko@ijp.org](mailto:natsuko@ijp.org)

Applications should be sent to:

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Good luck!