

IJP INTERNATIONALE JOURNALISTEN-PROGRAMME

Fellowships for journalists from the Middle East in Germany

In 2019 we are offering for the sixteenth time a travel and work fellowship for young journalists from the Middle East, especially from Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan and Palestine, to spend a two-month period in Germany.

We are doing this in cooperation with governmental institutions, foundations and sponsors in Germany and the Middle East. At the same time, the fellowship is being offered to journalists in Germany, who can apply to spend a two-month period in the Middle East.

Objective: The fellowship is intended to enable young journalists to familiarize themselves with the political issues in Germany at an early stage of their career. This will raise awareness to the relations between Germany and the Middle East in young media multipliers and will give them a personal insight into mentality, culture and everyday life in Germany and the European Union.

The practical part of the fellowship ensures contact with colleagues in the region, and it is hoped this contact will be maintained in future years. This is also the purpose of the future alumni association of former grant holders and of an annual alumni reunion in Berlin.

Candidates: Applications may be submitted by any citizen of the countries mentioned above aged 21 or over who is working as a regular employee, trainee or journalist for media. The maximum age is 37 years.

Duration of fellowship: The fellowship begins on **October 31st, 2019** with an introductory event in Berlin together with the German fellows. This is followed by a fellowship lasting at least two months with a German media outlet.

The branch of the media (newspaper, radio, TV, magazine) will be selected by the fellows, and the actual place of work will then be decided by the organizer in consultation with the fellows. There will be the possibility to extend the stay on an individual basis.

There is also the possibility of a two-week intensive German language training in Berlin at the start of the program, with costs covered by this program.

Amount of fellowship: The fellowship carries a payment of 4,000 Euro per person. This sum is intended to cover a large proportion of the travel costs, board and lodging. Fellows are expected to contribute a certain amount themselves. There will be no payment for the individual's work on location as a journalist.

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Applications: Applications, for which there is no special form, are to be submitted by **June 16th, 2019**. The application must be accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae with a passport photo, and a journalistic appraisal written by the head of department or editor-in-chief. The letter should support the application, guarantee temporary leave of absence for the duration of the fellowship, and serve as evidence of journalistic activity. Samples of work may be enclosed. A very good knowledge of English is expected. While knowledge of German will naturally be welcomed, this is not an essential requirement for an application. Visa arrangements will be made with the help of the organizers.

After preliminary selection, the finalists might be invited for a selection interview or conference call. Legal action in respect of the final decision shall be barred. Notification will be sent to the successful candidates by mid-August 2019.

All fellows undertake to write, upon their return, a report of at least three pages on their experience, activities and impressions in the country.

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