Ernst Cramer and Teddy Kollek-Fellowships for Israeli journalists in Germany

In 2023 we are offering for the twentieth time a travel and work fellowship for young journalists from Israel to spend a two-month period in Germany.

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

The fellowship is part of the Middle East Fellowship of the IJP. The fellowships for journalists from Germany and Israel are named in honor of the late journalist Ernst Cramer and the former mayor of Jerusalem Teddy Kollek and their exemplary dedication to the intensification of German-Israeli relations.

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 of aspects of German-Israeli relations in future 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 Israeli citizen aged 21 or over who is working as a regular employee, trainee or journalist for Israeli or Arab media. At least two candidates from Germany and two from Israel will be selected. The maximum age is 37 years.

Duration of fellowship: The fellowship begins with an introductory event from October 25 – 27, 2023 in Berlin together with the German fellows. This is followed by a German language course and the 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 grant 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.
Applications: Applications, for which there is no special form required, are to be submitted by June 15th, 2023. The application must be accompanied by a detailed CV 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.

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.

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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