

# IJP INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS' PROGRAMMES

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### Program Description

Every year the International Journalists' Programmes (IJP) offer a bursary to up to six young Southern African (SADC-Member States: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe + Kenia) and up to five young German journalists.

For two months (June/July) the Southern African delegates will have the chance to work in Germany. They will be integrated into the day-to-day journalism of their host newsroom while also researching stories for their home media. It is assumed that all candidates have a strong command of the English language. German language abilities are an advantage but are not mandatory. The Southern African Bursary is a multiyear effort to shape an integrated understanding of the other country and region and to foster relations between Africa and Germany. The bursary is intended to enable young journalists to gain valuable insights into the political, economical, cultural as well as the social fabric of the host country.

The Southern African-German Journalists' Program starts with an Introductory Conference for all delegates in Berlin. This will allow the participants from Southern Africa to familiarize themselves with the host country.

### Mode of payment

The southern African delegates receive a fixed payment of 3.000 Euro. This is expected to cover most of their travel, accommodation and living expenses. No further payments will be made: delegates are expected to use their own funds for any further costs. Payment for their work with the host media is not envisaged.

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## **Application**

All journalists from Southern Africa (SADC Member States + Kenia) between the age of 25 and 40 who regularly work for a media organization can apply.

- Enclose a CV with a passport photograph.
- Write a 800 word essay addressing the following topics:
  - Why you would like to work in Germany?
  - What you expect from the IJP and what you think you can contribute to it?
  - What are the 3 research topics you want to pursue during the fellowship?
  - What role you expect to play at your home media in the future?
  - How you will spend the bursary?
- Include a one-page resume detailing your education and work experience, your standard of German and English (copies of certificates/ e.g. Goethe Institute/Toefl), plus 2 copies of articles written by you (TV and radio journalists must type up their reports since no audio or video tapes can be considered)
- A journalistic reference from your editor or head of department is required (freelancers should submit a reference from a senior journalist). It should also guarantee your leave of absence for the duration of the program.

Legal action in respect of the final decision shall be barred.

**Applicants are asked to send their application documents (only by E-Mail) from December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 until February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to the following address:**  
[sa-application@ijp.org](mailto:sa-application@ijp.org)