



Freie Universität Berlin
Journalisten-Kolleg 

EUROPEAN JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIPS in BERLIN

Application invited for the 9th round (Oct. 2007 to July 2008)

Deadline December 15, 2006

Journalists from across Europe and the United States are invited to apply for the European Journalism-Fellowships, offered this year for the 9th time by the Journalisten-Kolleg of the Free University of Berlin. Participants are given the opportunity to take a two-semester leave from their professional positions and spend a sabbatical year at the Freie Universitaet, pursuing a major research project or an individual programme of studies. At the same time, the programme enables participants to network with professional colleagues from Eastern and Western Europe and the United States. The programme starts in October 2007 and ends in July 2008. Highly qualified journalists in either staff positions or freelance employment with several years of professional experience, not currently residing in Berlin, are eligible to apply. The centre piece of the application is a proposal for a scientific-journalistic project to be pursued in Berlin. Certification of German language proficiency is required (e.g. Goethe Institut, DAAD).

We offer the following fellowships, for a period of 10 months:

Junior-Fellowships for journalists from Central and Eastern Europe with about five years of professional experience. Junior Fellows receive a monthly stipend of 1,025 Euros.

Standard-Fellowships endowed with a monthly stipend of between 1,100 and 1,500 Euros – depending on the level of professional experience (at least 5 years).

Applicants for the special Abgeordnetenhaus of Berlin (Berlin State Parliament) Foundation scholarship, endowed with a monthly stipend of 1,300 Euros and restricted to outstanding journalists from one of World War II Allied Nations (USA, former USSR, France, Great Britain) must, in addition, submit a review of their research proposal by an academic expert or professor.

The European Journalism Fellowship programme is being funded by several foundations and major media enterprises, in cooperation with the Freie Universitaet Berlin. Current sponsors include FAZIT-Foundation (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung), Haniel-Foundation and Presse-Haus NRZ Foundation, as well as four major political foundations: Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, Hanns-Seidel-Foundation, and Heinrich-Böll-Foundation.

Since 1999, 87 journalists from 28 nations have benefited from a European Journalism Fellowship to spend a sabbatical year of research and studies in Berlin. Major media companies have granted leaves of absence to journalists for participation in the EJF programme. Over the years, a close network of journalism has emerged among alumni. The European Journalism Fellowships of the Journalisten-Kolleg at the Free University of Berlin have thereby established themselves as a significant platform for journalists at the European level. For the future of European integration, especially the convergence of Eastern and Western Europe, it will be increasingly important for journalists to be familiar with their neighbouring countries, to have international contacts, and to become acquainted with different cultures. Our aim is to support the professional and personal development of journalists in this spirit.

The closing deadline for applications is December 15, 2006.

For more detailed information and application forms please contact:

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