

IJP INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS' PROGRAMMES

31st British-German Programme The George Weidenfeld Bursary

The German non-profit organisation IJP (International Journalists' Programmes) would like to announce its thirty-first bursary for journalists from the UK and Germany. The bursary has been providing journalists from a wide range of backgrounds with sponsored intercultural exchanges since 1995. It is named after the London-based publisher Lord Weidenfeld of Chelsea.

As a full-fledged mutual exchange programme, the IJP George Weidenfeld Bursary gives British and German journalists the opportunity to gain work experience abroad. Delegates work in either British or German newsrooms of their choice, while simultaneously investigating and researching for their home organisations. The stay abroad should take place over the course of 2025.

Purpose

IJP is a non-profit organisation offering sponsored exchange programmes for early and mid-career journalists between Germany and more than 40 other countries and regions. These include the United States, Northern Europe, the Netherlands, Turkey, Latin America, East Asia, Russia, Southern Africa and the Middle East. The purpose of these exchanges is to allow participants to experience their host countries from a correspondent's perspective, exchange knowledge and network within their field.

Journalists who are granted the German-British bursary receive a deeper and more detailed insight into the political landscape, the economy, and everyday life in the host country. The bursary provides a unique opportunity to work in a previously unknown journalistic environment, encouraging personal and professional growth.

The programme is funded by the Auswärtiges Amt (Federal Foreign Office), by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and by a close circle of private sponsors.

The Bursary

The scholarship programme starts off with a three-day introductory conference in October. Subsequently, the participating journalists will begin their stay at their respective host organizations. These are selected by the IJP in consideration of the interests, qualifications and wishes of the individual bursary recipients.

The programme concludes with a final meeting in December. The participants are asked to deliver a three-page report of their experiences. It should also include all contributions produced during their stay. After the exchange, we encourage the participants to stay in touch with each other through the IJP alumni network.

Each fellow will receive a stipend of **3.800 Euros** to help cover travel costs, accommodation and personal expenses during his or her stay in Germany. The participant must cover any additional costs. Work compensation in Germany is up to the individual host organization and cannot be guaranteed.

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Application

The IJP accepts applications from UK journalists aged between **18 and 40** who work for any type of print, radio or TV media. There is no formal language requirement. British applicants with no or little prior knowledge of German are explicitly encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is **June 15th, 2025**. Applications should include:

- CV
- A letter of recommendation by an editor or supervisor supporting the application
- Four samples of publications (for TV and radio journalists: a comprehensive list of contributions, no clips)
- Preferences regarding host organizations and/or cities/regions

The selection committee will inform applicants by **July 15th, 2025**.

Address of application

The digital application is kindly requested in one PDF document to:

theo@ijp.org

The application has to be addressed to:

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Attn. Mister Vassilios Theodossiou

If you have any queries regarding the programme or your application, please contact IJP.