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Fellowships for journalists from the Middle East and Germany

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Non-profit Association

In 2025 we are offering for the twenty-second time a travel and work fellowship for young journalists from the Middle East, especially from Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan and Palestine, providing an opportunity to spend two months in Germany.

This initiative is organized in cooperation with governmental institutions, foundations and sponsors in Germany and the Middle East. At the same time, the fellowship is also available to journalists in Germany, who can apply for a two-month stay 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 aspect of the fellowship facilitates professional networking with local journalists, with the goal of maintaining these connections for years to come. Additionally, the alumni association and the annual alumni reunion in Berlin support ongoing exchange between past fellows.

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 with an **introductory event from October 29 – 31, 2025** in Berlin together with the German fellows. This is followed by German language course and a two-month fellowship at a German media outlet.

Fellows may choose their preferred media branch of the media (newspaper, radio, TV, magazine), while the specific placement will be arranged by the organizers in consultation with the fellows. There will be the possibility to extend the stay on an individual basis.

Additionally, a two-week intensive German language course in Berlin is available at the start of the program, with costs covered by this program.

Amount of fellowship: Each fellow receives a grant of 5,000 Euro. This sum is intended to cover a significant portion of the travel costs, board and lodging. Fellows are expected to contribute partially to their costs. There will be no payment provided 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, 2025**. The application should include 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 previous work** may be enclosed. A strong English proficiency is required. 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 an initial selection process, the finalists may 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 are required to submit a three-page report upon completion of the fellowship on their experience, activities and impressions in the country.

Send applications to:

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