

## 24<sup>th</sup> German-Eastern-European Programme The Marion Dönhoff Bursary

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**Non-profit Association**

The German non-profit organisation IJP (International Journalists' Programmes) would like to announce its twenty-fourth bursary for journalists from Eastern Europe and Germany.

The Marion Gräfin Dönhoff Journalism Fellowship gives German and Eastern European journalists the opportunity to work for two months as a guest editor in an Eastern European, Baltic or German editorial office. Due to the war, in 2025 German bursary holders will be accommodated mainly **in the three Caucasian republics and in Moldova**. The safety of our scholarship holders has top priority..

At the same time, this scholarship is open to journalists from **Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia as well as the former Central Asian CIS countries**, who can apply for a two-month working stay in Germany. Due to the war, Russian, Ukrainian or Belarusian journalists who are fleeing their country and who are currently in Germany/abroad can also apply for the first time.

### 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.

Marion Gräfin Dönhoff (02.12.1909 - 11.03.2002), long-time editor of the weekly newspaper DIE ZEIT, gave her name to the IJP programme for Eastern Europe. The programme is supported by the ZEIT Foundation and the Federal Foreign Office.

The German-Eastern European Programme - like all IJP scholarship programmes - is organised on a voluntary basis. Further information at: [www.ijp.org](http://www.ijp.org)

### The Bursary

The scholarship begins with an introductory conference that takes place at the end of September - beginning of October 2025. This is immediately followed by the eight-week stay at the Eastern European or German host medium.

The scholarship consists of a one-off payment of **4,000 euros**. This amount is intended to cover part of the travel costs, food and accommodation during the stay abroad, visa fees and health insurance. Work compensation in Germany is up to the individual host organization and usually not given. A postponement of the guest stay is not possible.

The programme does not end after the two months. All fellows are invited to participate in alumni activities beyond the programme.

## **Application**

Applications are open to German and Eastern European journalists, bloggers and documentary filmmakers between the ages of 20 and 35 who regularly work as freelancers, journalists or editors for German or Eastern European newspapers, radio stations, TV stations or online editorial offices. Good German or English language skills are mandatory for Eastern European applicants. Of the applicants from Germany, those who can demonstrate knowledge of an Eastern European language are preferred.

The application deadline is **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Applications should include:

- CV
- A letter of motivation
- A letter of recommendation by an editor or supervisor supporting the application
- Three samples of publications (for TV and radio journalists: a comprehensive list of contributions, no clips)
- Proof of language skills (certificate, certificate from a language school, etc.)
- Preferences regarding host organizations and/or cities/regions

The selection committee will inform applicants by **June 1<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

### **Address of application**

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

**[doenhoff@ijp.org](mailto:doenhoff@ijp.org)**

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

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