

# IJP INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS' PROGRAMMES

## Fellowships for journalists from the Middle East and Germany

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In 2026 we are offering for the twenty-third 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 working in Germany.

This initiative is organized in cooperation with governmental institutions, foundations, and sponsors in Germany and the Middle East. The fellowship is also open to German seeking a two-month professional residency in the Middle East. Please note that the implementation of the program is subject to the security and political situation in the region at the time of the fellowship.

### Objective

The fellowship is intended to enable young journalists to familiarize themselves with political and social issues in Germany at an early stage of their careers. By providing personal insights into the culture, mentality, and everyday life of Germany and the European Union, the fellowship aims to foster a deeper understanding of the relations between Germany and the Middle East among young media multipliers.

On a practical level, the fellowship facilitates professional networking with local journalists, building connections intended to last for years to come. Our active alumni association and annual reunions in Berlin further support ongoing exchange between past fellows.

### Eligibility

Applications may be submitted by any citizen of the countries aged between 21 and 37 years who is working as a regular employee, trainee or journalist for established media outlets.

### Program Timeline

The fellowship begins with an **introductory event in Berlin from October 29 – 30, 2026**, together with the German fellows. This is followed by a two-month fellowship at a German media outlet.

Fellows may indicate their preferred media branch (newspaper, radio, TV, digital), 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 all costs covered.

### Fellowship Grant

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 expenses. Fellows are expected to contribute partially to their costs. Please note that there is no additional salary provided for the journalist's work on location.

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## **Application Process**

Applications, for which there is no special form required, are to be submitted by **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. The application should include a **detailed CV with a passport photo**, a **letter of motivation**, and a **journalistic appraisal** written by the head of department or editor-in-chief. The appraisal letter should support the application, guarantee temporary leave of absence for the duration of the program, and serve as evidence of journalistic experience. **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.

After an initial selection process, the finalists may be invited for a selection interview or conference call. The selection committee's decision is final and not subject to legal appeal. Successful candidates will be notified by mid-August.

All fellows are required to submit a three-page report summarizing their experiences, activities, and impressions upon completion of the fellowship.

Please send applications by email to: [freiling@ijp.org](mailto:freiling@ijp.org) and [office@ijp.org](mailto:office@ijp.org)

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