

Ernst Cramer & Teddy Kollek Fellowships for Israeli journalists in Germany

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In 2026, we are offering for the twenty-third time a travel and work fellowship for young journalists from Israel, providing a unique opportunity to spend two months working in Germany.

This initiative is organized in cooperation with governmental institutions, foundations, and sponsors in both Germany and Israel. The fellowship is also open to German journalists seeking a two-month professional residency in Israel. 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.

The fellowship is part of the Middle East Fellowship of the IJP. The fellowships for journalists from Germany and Israel are named in honor of the late journalist Ernst Cramer and the former mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, celebrating their lifelong dedication to strengthening German-Israeli relations.

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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 German-Israeli relations among future multipliers.

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

Eligibility

The program is open to Israeli journalists, between the ages of 21 and 37, who work as regular employees, trainees or editors for Israeli or Arab media. At least two candidates from Germany and two from Israel will be selected.

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.

Application Process

Applications, for which there is no special form required, are to be submitted by **June 15th, 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 and office@ijp.org

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