

German-Polish Bursary 2026

The German non-profit organisation IJP (International Journalists' Programmes) would like to announce a bursary for journalists from Poland and Germany.

Up to ten journalists from Poland and Germany will have the opportunity to take part in the scholarship program and work as guest editors in a Polish or German editorial office for two months.

Purpose of the Programme

IJP is a non-profit organization offering journalist exchange programmes between Germany and more than 40 other countries and regions. The purpose of these exchanges is to allow participating journalists to experience their host countries from a correspondent's perspective, exchange knowledge and deepen their network while working in and reporting on a foreign country.

Journalists, who are granted the bursary, will receive a deeper and more detailed insight into the field and get the opportunity to work and specialize topically and internationally alike.

The Bursary

The scholarship begins with an introductory conference that takes place in October 2026. This is immediately followed by the eight-week stay at the Polish 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.

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 Polish journalists, bloggers and documentary filmmakers between the **ages of 22 and 35** who regularly work as freelancers, journalists or editors for German or Polish newspapers, radio stations, TV stations or online editorial offices. Fluency in German or Polish is NOT expected. At least workable knowledge of English is essential.

The application deadline is **April 30th, 2026**. Applications should include:

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

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