



C A L L F O R A P P L I C A T I O N S

U.S. journalists are invited to apply for a two-week exchange and study program in Germany.

The RIAS BERLIN COMMISSION program was established in 1992 and has been funding the exchanges of German and U.S. broadcast journalists since 1993. It was named after the legendary Cold War-era radio station "Radio on the American Sector" (RIAS) that had been the "voice of the free world", beaming news, information and music into Communist East Germany.

More than 1,500 U.S. and German journalists have since taken part in the exchanges that are designed to expand horizons as well as help American journalists learn more about media and politics in Germany and Europe. The program for U.S. journalists starts in Berlin with visits and meetings across the city, and moves to former East German cities such as Leipzig, Potsdam or Dresden as well as Prague to see changes that have transpired since unification. The program itinerary always includes a stop in Brussels, home to both NATO and the European Union, where there are programs detailing the roles for each organization.

Program applicants must be full-time radio, TV, or online journalists, either staff or freelancers. German is not required. We ask that applicants have a minimum of three years of continued professional journalism experience prior to applying for the program. The RIAS BERLIN COMMISSION also encourages journalism school graduates with prior work experience to consider the program.

Program applicants may apply for an extension in Germany to spend a "station week" as an intern at a German TV or radio station or to cover stories, pursue individual research projects. This request must be made at the time of the initial application.

The RIAS BERLIN COMMISSION exchange is a comprehensive fellowship, providing participants with r/t air travel from their home market to Germany, travel in and across Germany, and hotel accommodations during the program. Breakfasts and some meals are also provided during the program.

APPLICATION PACKAGE

The following material should be included in your application package.

- 1: completed application forms
- 2: résumé / CV
- 3: nominating/recommendation letter from your supervisor
- 4: one essay (see application form page 2)

PROGRAM DATES & DEADLINES

Summer program 2020: June 1 – 13, 2020. Application deadline: October 31, 2019.

Fall program 2020: **September 12 – 20, 2020**. Application deadline: October 31, 2019.

Applicants are apprised of their status within one month of the application deadline.

Please send your completed application forms and required materials in **one PDF or Word file**.

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PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION	
APPLICANT NAME	
	LAST FIRST MIDDLE
PERMANENT ADDRESS	STREET: CITY: STATE: ZIP:
E-MAIL*	
HOME PHONE	
CELL PHONE	
SKYPE ID	
DATE/PLACE OF BIRTH	CITIZENSHIP: USA () OTHER:
DO YOU HAVE A PASSPORT THAT IS VALID THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR? YES () NO ()	
PART II: BUSINESS INFORMATION	
NEWS ORGANIZATION	
POSITION	
DIRECT SUPERVISOR	
INDIRECT SUPERVISOR	
BUSINESS ADDRESS	STREET: CITY: STATE: ZIP:
BUSINESS EMAIL*	
BUSINESS PHONE	
PREFERRED EMAIL	() WORK () HOME

*Please provide an e-mail address that you use and check daily.



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PART III: OTHER INFORMATION
WORK EXPERIENCE _____ TOTAL YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISM for employment history please attach resume / CV
HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT RIAS AND THIS PROGRAM?
ACADEMIC HISTORY: COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: DEGREE:
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:
OTHER FELLOWSHIPS YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR OR HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR:
DO YOU SPEAK ANY FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND IF SO, HOW WELL (1=basic, 5=native)?
ESSAY TO SUBMIT: ONE TO TWO PAGE ESSAY WHICH ADDRESSES EACH OF THESE THREE ISSUES: 1. why you are interested in the program 2. what you hope to gain from participating 3. how inclusion in the program will benefit you, your station or newsroom

I certify that all information in this application is correct and valid, and that, if accepted, I understand the RIAS BERLIN COMMISSION broadcast journalist exchange in Germany will require me to attend and participate in program activities over a two-week period..

SIGNATURE

DATE