



**U.S. PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS
OF JOURNALISM AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**
22. March – 10. April 2020

**RIAS Berlin Program for Students of
Journalism and International Affairs**

Program Application – Introduction

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

German university students are invited to apply for a three-week intensive study program on broadcast journalism in the United States. Supported by a grant from the German government and organized by the RIAS-Berlin-Kommission, up to 12 outstanding students of journalism or international studies will be invited to take part in the three-week program in the United States to learn more about American journalism, the role that broadcasters like the Berlin-based RIAS played during the Cold War, and the current political landscape in the United States.

The RIAS BERLIN COMMISSION was founded 1992 in recognition of the merits of RIAS Berlin (Rundfunk im amerikanischen Sektor), the “free voice of the free world” from 1946 to 1993 that provided millions of listeners in communist East Germany with uncensored information and entertainment. The RIAS Berlin Commission is a binational organization that promotes German-American understanding in broadcast journalism.



American Participants in the Germany program met in 2018 with

US Ambassador to Germany Richard Grenell (at far left)

The RIAS Berlin Commission is proud to offer exceptional German students of journalism, international affairs, and related disciplines the opportunity to participate in this prestigious two-week educational program in the United States. Funded by the Transatlantic Program of the Federal Republic of Germany, this program will give 12 participants valuable opportunities to engage with professional journalists in Washington, D.C., New York City, as well as university campuses in smaller media markets across America. Students from German universities are encouraged to apply.



Meeting German soccer legend Jürgen Klinsmann

The program is divided into two phases. During the first phase, participants will meet as a group with leading political analysts, journalists, think tank representatives and other experts in New York and Washington. During the second phase, the participants will travel either individually or in small groups of two to American universities, where they will gain hands-on experience working with American students at their campus TV or radio station and attending university journalism courses.

Program applicants must be students of journalism, international affairs, political science, history, American studies or closely related disciplines at a German university, or attending a journalism school in Germany. Some experience working in German media is also helpful – for example at a radio or TV station or newspaper at a university or elsewhere. An interest in and knowledge of American politics is very desirable; knowledge of English is required. Students who have already gained some professional or volunteer experience in their field are strongly encouraged to apply. Students from eastern German states are also especially encouraged to apply.

Participants receive round trip air travel from their home states to the United States, ground and air travel in and across the United States, and hotel accommodations during the program. Some meals are also provided during the program. Participants will leave Germany no later than **March 22, 2020** and return no sooner than on **April 11, 2020**. They may arrive earlier or later than these dates, but must cover any additional costs themselves. Each participant will be required to contribute 500 € to help cover the cost of the program and must pay for their own meals.

PROGRAM DATES & DEADLINES

The program takes place in the United States from **March 22 - April 10, 2020**. Including travel days, participants depart from Germany on March 22 and arrive back in the US on April 11.

Application deadline: November 25, 2019. Leading applicants will be interviewed by Skype before the final selection of program participants is made in December.

APPLICATION PACKAGE

Your application consists of the following items:

- 1: Completed and signed application form.
- 2: Your résumé / CV
- 3: Letter of recommendation from your professor or a work supervisor (if the work is relevant to your field of study).
- 4: A confirmation of enrollment of your journalism school / university
- 5: Two essays (see part IV of the application form)

HOW TO APPLY

Send all your application materials as **one** pdf file to Isabell Hoffmann hoffmann@riasberlin.org by November 25, 2019. **Be sure to add us to your white list** in case there are any questions about your application.

For more information, contact the RIAS Berlin Commission:

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PART III: TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF	
TELL US ABOUT ANY WORK EXPERIENCE (PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER) YOU HAVE IN YOUR FIELD OF STUDY.	
HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE UNITED STATES BEFORE? IF YES, WHEN AND WHY?	
PLEASE TELL US ABOUT ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE.	
HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?	
DO YOU SPEAK ANY FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND IF SO, HOW WELL (1=basic, 5=native)?	
PART IV: ESSAYS (in German OR English)	
ESSAY 1:	MOTIVATIONAL STATEMENT. On a separate piece of paper, tell us about your personal background and why you want to participate in this program. (maximum 450 words)
ESSAY 2:	GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS. On a separate piece of paper, please provide an overview of the current challenges and issues in German-American relations. (maximum 450 words)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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- Letter of recommendation from your professor or a work supervisor (if the work is relevant to your field of study).
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- The two essays above

Once all of the items above have been checked, e-mail the entire application in ONE pdf file to hoffmann@riasberlin.org no later than **November 25, 2019**.

I certify that all information in this application is correct and valid. I understand that my application is not complete until it all parts of it have been submitted, and that the RIAS BERLIN COMMISSION summer education program will require me to attend and participate in program activities in Berlin over a three week period. I know that I will have to make a 500€ non-refundable contribution to the cost of the program and am able and willing to do so.

SIGNATURE

DATE