



**2-week RIAS Germany Program
Summer & Fall**

**RIAS German-American Journalist
Exchange Program**

Program Application - Introduction

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

U.S. broadcast journalists are invited to apply for a two-week exchange program in Germany and become part of a vibrant German-American network of broadcast journalists.

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 in the American Sector" (RIAS) that had been the "voice of the free world", beaming news, information and music into Communist East Germany. The goal of the fellowship is to keep the spirit of RIAS alive and supporting that aim are active and enthusiastic alumni chapters in Berlin, Cologne, Hamburg, Munich, Mainz, New York and Washington DC.

More than 1,900 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 may move to include stops in 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. It also includes stops in Cologne or Hamburg.

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 five 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.

The RIAS BERLIN COMMISSION exchange is a comprehensive fellowship, providing participants with round trip 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 form
- 2: Résumé / CV
- 3: Letter or recommendation (LOR) from your supervisor
- 4: One essay (See Application PDF Download Form – Page 2)

PROGRAM DATES & DEADLINES

Please check our website for dates and application deadlines: www.riasberlin.org
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 to** info@riasberlin.org