



**BERLIN PROGRAM FOR
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**RIAS Berlin Program for Students of
Journalism and International Affairs**

Program Application – Introduction

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

U.S. university students are invited to apply for a three-week intensive study program on journalism in Germany. Funded largely by a grant from the German government and organized by the RIAS Berlin Commission, up to 15 outstanding journalism or international studies students will be invited to take part in the three-week program in Germany to learn more about journalism in Germany, the role that broadcasters like the Berlin-based RIAS played during the Cold War and the current political landscape of Germany.



2019 Participants on roof of US Embassy Berlin

The RIAS BERLIN COMMISSION was founded 1992 in recognition of the merits of RIAS Berlin (Radio in the American Sector), 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. Today, it is a binational organization that promotes German-American understanding in broadcast journalism.

Since 2018, the RIAS Berlin Commission has been offering exceptional students of journalism, international affairs and related disciplines the opportunity to participate in this prestigious three-week educational program in Berlin. Funded by the Transatlantic Program of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the program will give 15 participants valuable insights into transatlantic, German and European affairs. Students from across the US are encouraged to apply.

Over a three week period in Berlin, with a multiday excursion to at least two other German cities, participants will meet with leading political analysts, journalists, think tank representatives and other experts. They will visit German government institutions, historical sites, and universities, enabling



Meeting with German soccer legend Jüraen Klinsmann

them to and deepen their knowledge of central issues in transatlantic affairs and gain a more personal understanding of German politics, media and history.

Program applicants must be outstanding, full-time undergraduate or graduate students of journalism, international affairs, political science, history, German or closely related disciplines at universities and colleges in the United States. They should be starting at least the third year of their undergraduate studies at the time of the program and preferably have some experience in journalism – for

example at a campus radio or TV station or newspaper. An interest in and knowledge of German or European affairs is very desirable; knowledge of German is preferred but not required. Students who have already gained some professional or volunteer experience in their field are strongly encouraged to apply.

The program is funded by the Transatlantic Program of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, with additional financing from the RIAS BERLIN COMMISSION. Participants receive round trip air travel from their home states to Germany, ground and air travel in and across Germany, and hotel accommodations during the program. Some meals are also provided during the program. Participants may arrive earlier or later than scheduled program 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 Berlin. **Please check our website for exact dates and deadlines.**

Leading applicants will be interviewed by Skype before the final selection of program participants is made in early March.

APPLICATION PACKAGE

Your application consists of the following items:

- 1: Completed and signed application form
- 2: Your résumé / CV
- 3: One letter of recommendation letter from a college professor or a work supervisor (if the work is relevant to your field of study)
- 4: A scan of your most recent transcript
- 5: Two essays (see Application PDF Download Form – Page 2)
6. Confirmation of Covid-19 vaccination status

HOW TO APPLY

Send all your application materials in electronic format to Melissa Leis-Schrage at info@riasberlin.org by the deadline given on our website. **Be sure to add us to your spam white list** in case there are any questions about your application.

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