



**2-WEEK GERMANY PROGRAMS 2018  
FOR ELECTRONIC JOURNALISTS  
Summer & Fall 2018**

**German-American Journalist Exchange**

**Program Application — Introduction**

Since 1993 the RIAS BERLIN COMMISSION sponsored journalist exchange in Germany has been a two week program for electronic journalists who work in radio, television, or online. The program starts in Berlin with visits and meetings across this historic city, and moves to former East German cities such as Leipzig, Potsdam or Dresden 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. The program often concludes with a day or two in another major German city.

Program applicants must be full-time radio, TV, or online journalists, either staff or freelance hires. While knowledge and familiarity of German is preferred, it is not a requirement. 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 encourages journalism school graduates with prior work experience to consider the program.

Program applicants may apply for an extension in Germany of up to one week to cover stories, pursue individual research projects, or intern in a division of a German radio or television station such as Deutsche Welle in Berlin or Brussels. 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, ground and air travel in and across Germany, and hotel accommodations during the program. Participants seeking extensions also receive travel and accommodation coverage.

## **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: two essays (see application form page 2)

## **PROGRAM DATES & DEADLINES**

Summer Program 2018: June 11–22, 2018. **Application deadline: February 1, 2018.**

Station Week / Extension Program: June 23–29, 2018 (apply with your program application).

Fall Program 2018: September 17–28, 2018. **Application deadline: May 1, 2018.**

Station Week / Extension Program: September 29–October 5, 2018 (apply with your program application).

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

## **SEND**

All applications should be sent by email to both:

**Annette Raveneau**  
raveneau@riasberlin.org

and

**Erik Kirschbaum**  
kirschbaum@riasberlin.org



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( ) Summer ( ) Fall ( ) request for extension

APPLICANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

NEWS ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECT SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME TITLE EMAIL

INDIRECT SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME TITLE EMAIL

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS HOME CELL

BUSINESS EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PRIVATE EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED MAIL AND EMAIL ADDRESS ( ) WORK ( ) HOME

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

CITIZENSHIP ( ) U.S. ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE A VALID PASSPORT? ( ) YES ( ) NO



ACADEMIC HISTORY \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

GRADUATE DEGREE

OTHER FORMAL ACADEMIC STUDIES

NAME AND LOCATION OF HIGH SCHOOL

WORK EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISM

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY **PLEASE ATTACH RESUME / CV**



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APPLICANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT RIAS? \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER FELLOWSHIPS YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR OR HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR \_\_\_\_\_

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RATE YOUR GERMAN LANGUAGE SKILLS ( ) EXCELLENT ( ) GOOD ( ) FAIR ( ) POOR ( ) NONE

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



**ESSAYS TO SUBMIT**

**MAIN ESSAY** (half page) Compose an essay on your personal background, why you want to participate in the RIAS German/European study program, how it will benefit you, and how it will help your station.

**SECOND ESSAY** (half page) Please explain what you know about Germany, German politics and its relations with the United States. And why is might be important or valuable to learn from exchange programs such as RIAS? What would you like to get out of the program?