



**USA PROGRAM FOR GERMAN  
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**RIAS USA 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 journalism in the USA. 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 the USA to learn more about journalism and the current political landscape of the USA.



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. Funded by the Transatlantic Program of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the program will give 15 participants valuable insights into transatlantic, American affairs. Students from across Germany are encouraged to apply.

Over a three week period with one week in NYC and a two-week Station Week, participants will meet with leading political analysts, journalists, think tank representatives and other experts. They will visit American government institutions, historical sites, and universities, enabling them to and deepen their knowledge of central issues in transatlantic affairs and gain a more personal understanding of American politics, media and history.



*Meeting German soccer legend Jürgen Klinsmann*

Program applicants must be outstanding, full-time undergraduate or graduate students of journalism, international affairs, political science, history, English or closely related disciplines at universities and colleges in Germany. 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-North American affairs is very desirable. 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 to the USA and air travel in and across the USA to their station weeks and hotel accommodations during the program. Some meals are also provided during the program. They may arrive earlier or later than the program dates, but must then 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 New York City. **Please check our website for exact dates and deadlines.**

Leading applicants will be interviewed via Skype before the final selection of program participants is made.

### **APPLICATION PACKAGE**

Your application must consist 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](mailto: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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