



2-week RIAS USA Program Summer & Fall

RIAS German-American Journalist Exchange Program

Program Application - Introduction

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

American broadcast journalists are invited to apply for a three-week exchange program in United States 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, Atlanta 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 RIAS Berlin Commission Journalist Program is an intensive two-week long trip to Germany and Brussels for active, mid-career journalists to take some time out from their day jobs to explore journalism in depth and the outside world. Travel and accommodation costs are covered by the fellowship.

Program applicants must be full-time radio, TV, or online journalists, either staff or freelancers. German language skills 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 exchange is a comprehensive fellowship, providing participants with round-trip air travel from their home market to the United States, travel in and across the USA, and hotel accommodations during the program. 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

Applications can be found at: www.riasberlin.org/en/programs/

Please submit your application by **Sunday March 17th at 11:59 p.m. PT.**

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 apply@riasberlin.org