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1st German-South Eastern European Bursary

Climate- and Energy Policy Bursary

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Non-profit Association

The German non-profit organization IJP (International Journalists' Programmes) would like to announce a new fellowship for journalists interested in reporting in the field of climate and energy.

The bursary offers this opportunity for up to ten journalists from

Germany, Romania, Bulgaria and Serbia

with a passion for climate and energy topics.

Purpose of the Programme

IJP is a non-profit organization offering journalist exchange programmes between Germany and more than 40 other countries and regions. These include the United States and Canada, Northern Europe and the Baltics, Poland, the Netherlands, Turkey, Latin America, East Asia, Russia, Southern Africa, Central Eastern Europe, the United Kingdom and the Middle East. The purpose of these exchanges is to allow participating journalists to experience their host countries from a correspondent's perspective, exchange knowledge and deepen their network while working in and reporting on a foreign country.

Journalists, who are granted the climate & energy bursary, will receive a deeper and more detailed insight into the field and get the opportunity to work and specialize topically and internationally alike. They are also welcome to pursue a transnational research on a common topic during their fellowship.

The Grant

The scholarship programme starts with a thematic introductory conference (presumably mid October 2020). Subsequently, the participating journalists will begin their stay at their respective journalistic host organizations. Journalists from Germany will stay at a host media in one of the other countries for the time of the scholarship while the journalists from those countries will spend their time in a media in Germany. These media are selected by IJP in consideration of the interests, qualifications and wishes of the fellows. While being embedded partly in the workflow of the host media, the scholars will work on their own journalistic projects and mainly report for media in their home country. During the 6 to 8 weeks of the stay, the journalist will get to know the host country better, establish contacts to local journalists and deepen his or her knowledge about climate and energy issues.

The programme concludes with a final meeting (presumably mid December 2020). The participants are asked to deliver a three-page report of their experiences. It should also include all contributions produced during their stay. After the exchange, we encourage the participants to stay in touch with each other through the IJP alumni network through which they will have the chance to meet many of IJP's former scholars in Germany and more than 40 other countries.

Each fellow will receive a stipend of **3.800 Euro** to help cover travel costs, accommodation and personal expenses during his or her stay. The participant must cover any additional costs.

Application

The application is open to any journalist from the above-mentioned countries, working for any print, radio, online or TV media (employed or freelancer). Fluency in German or one of the other countries' official languages is **not** expected, though helpful for the successful application. At least workable knowledge of English is essential.

Applications should include:

- CV, incl. photograph
- letter of recommendation by an editor or supervisor, supporting the application
- four written samples of work (TV and radio journalists are asked to send a comprehensive list of contributions.)
- scholars from Germany should list media outlets and countries in order of preference where they would like to stay. Journalists from the other countries should come up with at least two possible host media in Germany they would be interested being placed at.

The application deadline is August 15th, 2020.

N.B. If the programme is not carried out due to the Covid-19 crisis or if it is carried out at a different time, all applications remain valid. We will inform all participants promptly about changes.

Address of application

Please send your digital application in ONE pdf document to: office@ijp.org

If you have any queries regarding the programme or your application, please contact:
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