



**GERMANY PROGRAM 2010  
FOR BROADCAST JOURNALISTS  
Summer & Fall 2010**

**German-American Journalist Exchange**

**Program Application — Introduction**

Since 1993 the RIAS sponsored journalist exchange in Germany has been a two week program for broadcast 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 broadcast 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.

RIAS BERLIN COMMISSION offers a limited number of program places in the summer to journalism school graduates in broadcasting (MA recipients or outstanding BA recipients with prior working experience).

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. This request must be made at the time of the initial application.

The RIAS 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. Many meals are also provided 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 2010: June 12/13 – 27, 2009. **Application deadline: March 1, 2010.**

Summer program 2010 extension: June 27 – July 2, 2010 (apply with your program application).

Fall program 2010: September 25/26 – October 10, 2010. **Application deadline: June 1, 2010.**

Fall program 2010 extension: October 10 – 15, 2010 (apply with your program application).

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

## **SEND**

All application materials should be sent either by fax or email to:

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

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

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

TELEPHONE/FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS HOME FAX

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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** Compose an essay of 500 words (or slightly less) on why you want to participate in the German-American Journalist exchange program, how it will benefit you, and how it will help your station.

**SELECT AND ANSWER ANY TWO OF THESE FOUR QUESTIONS IN NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS EACH**

1. How would you characterize German-U.S. relations at the moment?
2. How do you see the global financial crisis affecting Germany, Europe, and the United States of America? What do you see being done in Europe to address the situation? In what way is the European response similar or different from what the Americans are attempting to do to fix these problems?
3. Germany has been reunited since October 3, 1990, and even today work continues to make the country a whole. What are the primary challenges that continue to make unification a talking point these years after the fall of the wall on November 9, 1989?
4. Highly industrialized and developed nations like the United States and Germany face similar economic and social challenges. Please cite those which you see posing the greatest challenge, and about which you would be interested in exploring further during your European study program.