

## EUROPEAN JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIPS in BERLIN

**Application Deadlines: December 10, 2007 / January 31, 2008**

Journalists from across Europe and the United States are invited to apply for the European Journalism Fellowships, offered this year for the 10th time by the *Journalisten-Kolleg* of the Free University of Berlin. Participants are given the opportunity to take a two-semester leave from their professional positions and spend a sabbatical year at the *Freie Universitaet*, widening their knowledge while pursuing a major research project. At the same time, the programme enables participants to network with professional colleagues from Eastern and Western Europe and the United States. The programme starts in October 2008 and ends in July 2009. Highly qualified journalists in either staff positions or freelance employment with several years of professional experience are eligible to apply. Written proof certifying good knowledge of the German language is required for participation (e.g. Goethe Institut, DAAD). The most important element of the fellowship application is a proposal for a **scientific-journalistic project** to be pursued in Berlin.

The closing deadline for applications is

- **December 10, 2007** for the Superior Scholarship of the *Abgeordnetenhaus of Berlin (Berlin State Parliament) Foundation* or
- **January 31, 2008** for all other scholarships.

**Junior-Fellowships** for journalists from Central and Eastern Europe with about five years of professional experience. Junior Fellows receive a monthly stipend of between 800 and 975 Euros for a duration of ten months.

**Standard-Fellowships**, endowed with a monthly stipend of between 1,100 and 1,500 Euros – depending on the level of professional experience (at least 5 years) for a duration of ten months.

### **Superior Scholarship of the Abgeordnetenhaus of Berlin Foundation**

One outstanding journalist with a PhD degree from one of the former Allied Nations of the Second World War (CIS-States, France, Great Britain, USA) may be awarded an extraordinary scholarship from the Abgeordnetenhaus of Berlin (Berlin State Parliament) Foundation (a monthly stipend of 1,300 Euros plus accommodation) for the duration of 12 months. Applicants for this scholarship must submit certain required documents in German language and, in addition, must submit a **review of their research proposal** by an expert scientist or professor (German or English language). Please note that the closing date for application for this scholarship will be **December 10, 2007**.

The European Journalism Fellowships are funded by renowned media enterprises and foundations in cooperation with the *Freie Universitaet Berlin*. Current sponsors include the FAZIT-Foundation (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung) and the Foundation Presse-Haus NRZ, as well as four major political foundations: the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, the Hanns-Seidel-Foundation, the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, and the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation.

Since 1999, 106 journalists from 29 nations have benefited from the opportunity to spend a sabbatical year of research in Berlin. Major media companies have granted leaves of absence to journalists for participation in the EJF programme. Over the years, a close network of journalism has emerged among alumni. The programme of the European Journalism-Fellowships of the *Journalisten-Kolleg* at the Free University of Berlin has established itself as an important institution for journalists at the European level. For the future of European integration, especially the convergence of Eastern and Western Europe, it will be increasingly important for journalists to have specific knowledge about their neighbouring countries, to have international contacts, and to become versed in different cultures. Our aim is to support the professional and personal development of journalists in this spirit.

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