

# IJP INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS' PROGRAMMES

## Southern African Bursary 2010

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### **Programme Description**

Every year the International Journalists' Programmes (IJP) offer a bursary to up to six young Southern African (SADC-Member States: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe + Kenia) and up to five young German journalists. For two months (june/july 2010) the Southern African delegates will have the chance to work in Germany. They will be integrated into the day-to-day journalism of their host newsroom while also researching stories for their home media. It is assumed that all candidates have a strong command of the English language. German language abilities are an advantage but are not mandatory. The Southern African Bursary is a multiyear effort to shape an integrated understanding of the other country and region and to foster relations between Africa and Germany. The bursary is intended to enable young journalists to gain valuable insights into the political, economical, cultural as well as the social fabric of the host country.

The Southern African-German Journalists' Programme starts with an Introductory Conference for all delegates in Bonn. This will allow the participants from Southern Africa to familiarise themselves with the host country.

### **Mode of payment**

The Southern African delegates receive a fixed payment of 3.000 Euro. This is expected to cover most of their travel, accommodation and living expenses. No further payments will be made: delegates are expected to use their own funds for any further costs. Payment for their work with the host media is not envisaged.

### **Application**

All journalists from Southern Africa (SADC Member States + Kenia) between the age of 25 and 35 who regularly work for a media organisation can apply.

1. Enclose a CV with a passport photograph.
2. Write a 800 word essay addressing the following topics:
  - Why you would like to work in Germany?
  - What you expect from the IJP and what you think you can contribute to it?
  - What are the 3 research topics you want to pursue during the fellowship?
  - What role you expect to play at your home media in the future?
  - How you will spend the bursary?
3. Include a one-page resume detailing your education and work experience, your standard of German and English (copies of certificates/ e.g. Goethe Institut/Toefel), plus 2 copies of articles written by you (TV and radio journalists must type up their reports since no audio or video tapes can be considered)
4. A journalistic reference from your editor or head of department is required (freelancers should submit a reference from a senior journalist). It should also guarantee your leave of absence for the duration of the program.

Applicants are asked to send the application documents (E-Mail) not before December 1st, 2009 and until January 31st, 2010 to the following address:

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