**APPLICATION FORM**

2021

Deadline for application: **April 9, 2021**

*Fill in basic data:*

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| Name of applicant:  |  |
| Country of residence: |  |

*How did you find out about the Fellowship?*

*For example, was it through BIRN promotional activities, online websites, colleagues, employer or journalist association? List in the box.*

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Before completing the form, please [read important information about the Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence programme, application and the selection process](https://balkaninsight.com/fellowship-for-journalistic-excellence/apply/).

The Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence research and reporting proposal should be developed independently by the applicant. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure he/she can devote adequate time to the fellowship, attend all seminars and publish the fellowship report through BIRN, where necessary gaining prior consent from his/her employer.

Applicants should complete and submit only one application with one research proposal. Multiple applications by individuals and joint applications by more than one individual are not eligible.

The application must be typewritten and completed in English.

Candidates are obliged to provide at least one example of their writing along with the application form. Sample articles may be in English or local languages.

**APPLICANT PERSONAL DETAILS**

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| First name:  |  |
| Surname: |  |
| Nationality:  |  |
| Country of residence: |  |
| Street name and number:  |  |
| Post code and town/city: |  |
| Telephone (fixed):  |  |
| Telephone (mobile): |  |
| Email:  |  |

**APPLICANT PROFESSIONAL DETAILS**

List relevant employment history, providing contact details for employers and dates of engagement, starting with the most recent. Continue on another sheet if necessary:

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| Employer:  |
| Address:  |  |
| Date employed from:  | To:  |
| List main responsibilities/achievements:  |

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| Employer:  |
| Address:  | Tel:  |
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Provide name, position and contact details (email and telephone number) of at least two references from the media sector:

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Provide details of any awards, significant journalistic achievements or relevant projects:

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Provide details of academic qualifications and/or professional training, with name of institution and dates. Continue on another sheet if necessary:

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| Institution: |  |
| Qualification: |  |
| Date awarded: |  |
| Subject: |

6. Examples of published work

Attach links to articles you have written that have been published online or list them here and attach hard copies if you are submitting by post. You may scan articles and e-mail PDF files along with your application form. Applicants MUST submit at least one and not more than three representative examples of their published work. Work samples may be submitted in local languages or in English.

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List languages spoken and competence [1-basic/ 2-good/ 3-fluent/ 4-native]. Please keep in mind: a fine command of English is a mandatory precondition:

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| Language:  |
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**RESEARCH PROJECT**

The theme of the Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence 2021 is TRANSFORMATION, as described in the application call. The submitted research and reporting project proposal must refer to this theme.

Applicants’ proposals should refer primarily to the country in which they are normally resident, but can include plans to conduct useful research in the Balkan region and/or European Union member states. Cross-border aspect of the research is encouraged but is not obligatory this year due to the travel restrictions caused by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Fellowship costs, granted by the programme, should not exceed €3,000.

1. Motivation

Explain why you are applying for this fellowship, what you expect to gain and why you should be selected.

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2. Lead

BRIEFLY outline your reporting project hypothesis/lead. What do you plan to show, highlight or reveal?

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3. Research, interviewees, sources

Please outline your planned research.

Which methods will you use, which documents and people will you have to rely on?

Demonstrate both your existing knowledge of the subject and that you know where to get other information, figures, facts and interviews at home and abroad.

Research trips can be included. You must explain why you want to visit particular countries, why it is important for your story and what story angle this will cover in your final text.

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4. Relevance and originality – what is new about your proposal?

Describe why the planned research and reporting project is worthwhile, interesting and important. Explain what your story will reveal that has not been written about or reported before. Please also try to state what impact the publication of your article could have in the region.

Remember, your proposal should have both regional and EU relevance.

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5. Competence

 What is your particular competence to work on the topic that you have proposed?

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**DECLARATION**

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| Name:  |  |
| Country of residence: |  |
| Title of submitted project:  |  |

I hereby declare the accuracy of all statements made in the application form and attachments to it. Further, I confirm that, if selected, I have all the necessary permissions from my employer to participate fully in the fellowship programme and that I am able to devote all due attention to it.

Place, date:

 Signature of applicant

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM**

The deadline for submitting applications for this fellowship is **April 9, 2021.**

Send your completed application form as an electronic file by **e-mail** to fellowship@birn.eu.com

Applicants who submit their applications will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt.

To submit the signed declarations please do one of the following:

1. Attach an electronic signature; or
2. Print out the Declaration page, sign it and scan it. Add the scanned document as a separate attachment to your e-mail with the application form

To submit article samples with publishing details please do one of the following:

1. Send scanned file by email to fellowship@birn.eu.com along with your application form; or
2. Copy a link to the article if available on the internet into the Application form

In case you have questions or need additional information, please write to d.obradovic@birn.eu.com