



### Call for Applications

## **RFE/RL Regional Reporting Fellowship for the Balkans**

**JANUARY 2021 – AUGUST 2021**

**Application Deadline: Friday, October 30, 2020**

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) is now accepting applications for the 2021 RFE/RL Regional Reporting Fellowship for the Balkans.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to contribute to the professional development of aspiring journalists in the Balkans in support of media freedom and independence in the region.

The Fellowship is guided by RFE/RL's mission to provide accurate, independent journalism in support of democracy and human rights. The program, now in its second year, is financed in part by a grant from the U.S. Embassy in the Czech Republic.

### **Program Summary**

Fellows will be selected on a competitive basis from the Balkan countries and placed with a local RFE/RL bureau. They will be integrated into the daily work of the bureau, where they will work on a full-time basis producing reports, multi-media products and social media content in the local language, while receiving supervision and mentoring from RFE/RL's seasoned professionals. (English-language proficiency is not required.) As a result of the program, Fellows are expected to strengthen their journalistic skills and knowledge, develop their editorial judgment, expand their professional networks, and deepen their understanding of the role of an independent press in their country.

The Fellowship is for an eight-month term, running approximately from January 4, 2021 through August 31, 2021. It will include a visit to RFE/RL's headquarters in Prague for additional professional development.

Fellows will receive a monthly stipend for the term of the program that is consistent with the local wage scale, workspace at an appropriate RFE/RL bureau, and paid travel and accommodations to Prague. Housing may be provided for Fellows who must relocate to work at the local bureau.

## **To Apply**

Journalists from **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia** are eligible to apply.

**The deadline for completed applications is  
Friday, October 30, 2020**

A complete application must include the following materials:

1. Cover letter: to include the applicant's reasons for applying to the program; journalistic interests, values, or experiences that would qualify the applicant for the program; and the applicant's professional goals following the Fellowship's completion.
2. CV: to include personal data, professional experience and affiliations, educational background, and language proficiency. ***A copy of the CV in English must be provided.***
3. Two work samples in the applicant's working language, on any platform, published within the last 12 months, demonstrating the applicant's best work.

As part of the selection process, applicants may be contacted by RFE/RL for an interview, in-person, by telephone, or by Skype.

**NOTE: The Fellowship will take place in accordance with all Coronavirus-related measures both in the Czech Republic and applicants' countries, and is therefore subject to change.**

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT THROUGH THE  
APPLY NOW BUTTON BELOW  
BY 2400 CET, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020**

**CANDIDATES WILL BE INFORMED OF THEIR SELECTION BY DECEMBER 14, 2020.**

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