Call for Applications

RFE/RL Regional Reporting Fellowship for the Balkans

JANUARY 2022 – AUGUST 2022

Application Deadline: Sunday, October 10, 2021

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) is now accepting applications for the 2022 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 countries of the Western 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 is financed by a grant from the U.S. Department of State.

Program Summary

Fellows will be selected on a competitive basis from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia 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 3, 2022 through August 31, 2022. 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
Sunday, October 10, 2021

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, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

CANDIDATES WILL BE INFORMED OF THEIR SELECTION BY NOVEMBER 15, 2021.

APPLY NOW

Questions in English may be directed to hokuvovaj@rferl.org.