

Fellowship 2018: Digital journalism opportunities

Journalists with diverse backgrounds are finally welcome to apply again for the Fellowship Program by Google News Lab and NdM.

Since 2017, the Neue deutsche Medienmacher collaborate with Google News Lab and offer exiled journalists with immigration or refugee background to enhance their digital skills during a two month fellowship at renowned media newsrooms.

The fellowships complement our already existing offer of further training possibilities for NdM network members. Google News Lab also puts an emphasis on enhancing diversity inside the newsrooms worldwide:

“Journalistic diversity and the inclusion of different perspectives enrich the media landscape and help to reach new audiences. We will continue our partnership with Neue deutsche Medienmacher (NdM) for the 3rd round of the Google News Lab Fellowship program. Journalists with refugee and/or migration background thus receive the opportunity to share their special perspectives as well as their distinct abilities with their hosting media organisations.”

-Vani Sutcu, (Interim) Google News Lab Lead

What is the NdM & Google News Lab Fellowship?

Since 2015, Google News Lab offers a fellowship program to young journalists and software developers. During the course of two months, the fellows will realize a cooperative (data) journalism project in a renowned media outlet.

Exiled journalists or journalists from immigrant families bring more diversity, new perspectives and stories into newsrooms, allow direct access to communities and open up new research sources. In short: They contribute to a more balanced and diverse coverage in German-speaking media. That is why NdM and Google News Lab promoted fellowships in media newsrooms for chosen NdM candidates in 2017.

What is happening in 2018?

This year, journalists focused on data journalism and multimedia storytelling are again welcome to apply for one of five fellowship placements at a media outlet in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

The participating newsrooms will review all applications and choose the fellows 2018. After a kick-off meeting at the Google Headquarters, the two-month fellowships will start for all chosen applicants.

During the *Google News Lab Fellowship*, each fellow will be guided by a mentor from the respective newsroom. Besides that, each fellow is granted a scholarship of max. 5.500 Euro, which is meant to cover expenses, if necessary, costs for relocation and cost of living during the program. Each participating newsroom will determine the exact amount of the scholarship for its fellow.

Participating newsrooms 2017 are:

Berliner Morgenpost
Blick (Ringier)
Correctiv
Der Standard
Berliner Zeitung
Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
Kleine Zeitung
Media Lab Bayern
Neue Osnabrücker Zeitung
Neue Züricher Zeitung
Die Presse
Rheinische Post
Russmedia
Spiegel Online
Stern.de
Tagesspiegel
VOCER
Wirtschaftswoche
Zeit Online

Application requirements:

- The five fellowship placements are open to journalists in exile and colleagues with an immigration or refuge background.
- A working permit, valid in Germany, Austria or Switzerland,
- an academic degree or university admission since January 1st, 2018
- and a minimal age of 18 years is necessary.
- Previous work experience as a journalist or developer is obligatory.
- We recommend all applicants to visit at least one joined [training of NdM and Google News Lab](#) before fellowship start.

All special application requirements are listed on Google News Lab's website (FAQ).
The chosen five fellows will be contacted after **April 20th, 2018**.

Support by Neue deutsche Medienmacher e. V.

Throughout the entire program, the NdM will provide the selected five fellows with support and advice. This applies in particular to exiled journalists. In all questions in advance, concerning application routine, deadlines, organisational issues and daily work in German-speaking media, they can confidently turn to the Neue deutsche Medienmacher for help. Please mail to our colleagues Ava Sergeeva (sergeeva@neuemedienmacher.de) and Luciana Ferrando (ferrando@neuemedienmacher.de).

Apply now for one of the five NdM & Google News Lab Fellowships for journalists with immigration background or colleagues in exile using [this form](#).
Deadline for applications is **April 15th, 2018**.

Please refer to the Neue deutsche Medienmacher e. V. in your application.