

## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

### **The Transatlantic Media Fellowships On Migration & Integration and Digital Societies**

**Deadline: October 16, 2015**

The Transatlantic Media Fellowships give American and European journalists the opportunity to conduct research in the European Union (for American journalists) and in the United States (for European journalists). The fellowships are an integral component of the Transatlantic Dialogue Program on Democracy and Social Policy, promoting a vibrant discourse between U.S. and European societies on the shared challenges to our democracies and on the shared values of the transatlantic partnership. The fellowship is open to journalists **in any medium** eager to report on one of two issues areas: “Migration and Integration” and “Digital Societies” (see description below).

**We seek journalists working in any medium who offer new perspectives on transatlantic policy debates, who come from diverse communities, and who may not otherwise have the opportunity to conduct transatlantic research.**

#### **What we offer**

The Heinrich Böll Foundation will cover **travel and accommodation costs** within reason for five days of research in the E.U. or the U.S., subject to final approval of individual travel plans. We also provide an **honorarium of \$1,000**. Each fellowship recipient may decide his or her own dates of travel during **November 2015**. If requested, we can provide some assistance with setting up meetings in the U.S. and Europe.

#### **Who can apply**

Eligible journalists should:

- be from the **United States, based in the U.S.**, and seek to contribute to transatlantic policy debates by reporting about **European practices and experiences** in one of the two issue areas.
- be from an **E.U. member state, based in the E.U.**, and seek to contribute to transatlantic policy debates by reporting about **U.S. practices and experiences** in one of the two issue areas.

The Foundation will give special consideration to journalists from regional or local media outlets who demonstrate that transatlantic reporting is a new and important perspective for their audience and that their story ideas would be informative for regional or local policy debates. We also strongly encourage journalists from diverse backgrounds who can offer lesser-heard perspectives.

Fellows must be able to guarantee the publication of their pieces. Fellowship recipients (and/or their employers) will retain full editorial control over their reporting. The Heinrich Böll Foundation will also feature the final pieces on our website following their publication.

### **What's expected**

Each fellowship recipient is expected to publish a series **of at least three stories, in any medium, by January 2016**. Stories should focus on one of two issue areas:

**1. Digital Societies:** Digital technologies are rapidly transforming traditional economies and outpacing the legal and policy frameworks that ensure citizens' privacy and civil liberties. Yet, digitalization is also the key to future innovation, offering promising new approaches for green technologies, creating new sectors of the global economy, facilitating democratic exchange and transparency, and rapidly increasing the pace of scientific discovery. Journalists reporting on this issue area should aim to contribute to a nuanced transatlantic dialogue on the challenges and opportunities of the digital age for democratic societies and the transatlantic partnership. Examples of possible topics include the future of the Shared Economy, new approaches to data security, developments in the digital rights framework, or new technologies to facilitate democratic transparency.

**2. Migration & Integration:** The U.S. has long been a country shaped by immigrants. As the refugee crisis vividly portrays, Europe today, and Germany in particular, are rapidly attracting refugees and new immigrants, as well. How the U.S. and Europe respond to the challenges of immigration and integration is not only about those who seek to enter our borders, but also about how we choose to define our societies, futures, and shared interests. The Foundation promotes well-regulated immigration and integration policies as the responsibilities of a democratic state and as rich opportunities for economic growth, innovation, and cultural diversity. Journalists reporting on this issue area should aim to contribute to debates on immigration and integration policies with new perspectives informed by a transatlantic lens. Examples of possible topics include analyses of the societal response to new refugees and immigrants, comparisons of integration policies across municipalities, states, or countries, or a comparison of refugee resettlement programs.

### **How to apply**

To apply for a fellowship, please submit your resume, 3 samples of previous work, and a 1-2 page proposal outlining specific research interests, story ideas, and a proposed plan of travel. Applications should be submitted by email to Hannah Winnick, Program Director, Transatlantic Dialogue on Democracy and Social Policy, at [hannah.winnick@us.boell.org](mailto:hannah.winnick@us.boell.org). **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until October 16, 2015.**

#### **About the Heinrich Böll Foundation**

The Heinrich Böll Foundation is part of the global Green political movement. Fostering democracy and upholding human rights, taking action to prevent the destruction of the global ecosystem, advancing equality between women and men, securing peace through conflict prevention in crisis zones, and defending the freedom of individuals against excessive state and economic power – these objectives drive the ideas and actions of the Heinrich Böll Foundation. Our Washington, DC office is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides expertise on issues related to our mission. We also maintain close ties to the German Green Party (Alliance 90/The Greens). As a think tank for green visions and projects, we are part of an international network encompassing well over 100 partner projects in approximately 60 countries.