**APPLICATION FORM**

2019

Deadline for application: March 06, 2019

*Fill in basic data:*

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

*How did you find out about the fellowship?*

*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 the Balkan Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence application guidelines.

The Balkan 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 permanent 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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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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**RESEARCH PROJECT**

The theme of the Balkan Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence 2019 is FREEDOM, as described in the application guidelines and on the web site. 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 include plans to conduct useful research in at least one other country in the region and/or at least one European Union member state. Research costs, granted by the programme, should not exceed €2,000.

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 MUST ALSO be included. Note that fellows must write about their home country and visit one other regional state and/or one EU member state. 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 investigation proposal?

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

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

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5. Competence

What is your special competence to work on 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 **March 06, 2019.**

Send your completed application form as an electronic file by **e-mail** to [fellowship@birn.eu.com](mailto:fellowship@birn.eu.com)or send printed applications by **post** to:

Balkan Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence - Application

c/o: BIRN

Kolarceva 7/V

11000 Belgrade

Serbia

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;
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; or
3. Print out the Declaration page, sign it then fax this single page to BIRN on +381 (0)11/4030316 and send the rest of the application form via e-mail
4. Send it via post along with the printed 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](mailto:fellowship@birn.eu.com) along with your application form;
2. Send a link to the article if available on the internet; or
3. Send a copy of the document by post along with the printed application form