
Guidelines for the European Journalism Fellowship (“EJF”) at Freie Universität Berlin. Issued: 04.02.2025

1. The scholarship holder is required to attend all events. Any unexcused absences will be reported to the funding body and may result in a reduction of funding.
2. No statements, written or verbal, may be made on behalf of the EJF.
3. It is a requirement for all scholars to participate actively and engage fully with the weekly guest lectures. Prior research on the topic is highly encouraged.
4. Two or three colloquia are held throughout the academic term. These events provide the opportunity to discuss the project with a professor, present it and receive peer reviews. Attendance at the colloquia is mandatory. Participation in EJF excursions (for example, editorial visits) is similarly mandatory.
5. It is expected that the fellow will be present in Berlin for the duration of the fellowship. Any business trips, whether in Germany or abroad, must be approved in advance by the programme director and the sponsor.
6. The project must be presented at the end of the fellowship, at the graduation ceremony scheduled for July. The allotted time for the presentation is between 20 and 30 minutes, followed by a Questions & Answers session. The final version of the project must be submitted to the programme management team by 10 July. The project will be made available online on the EJF website.
7. The submission of the project report in written form (two printed copies and one PDF) is scheduled for the end of July and will be sent to the sponsors. Delayed submission of the project report must be reported.
8. Please note that the EJF holiday periods are from 13 December 2025 to 4 January 2026 and from 30 March to 12 April 2026. During these periods, guest lectures will not be offered, nor will excursions be scheduled.

9. The EJP is aligned with the academic calendar of Freie Universität Berlin. Please note that public holidays observed in Germany and the State of Berlin will apply.

a. Lecture period winter semester 2025-2026: 13 October 2025 - 14 February 2026

b. Lecture period summer semester 2026: April – July 2026

c. Excursions are offered during the lecture-free period (except when the EJP is on holiday). Participation is required. The costs for the excursions are covered by the foundations.

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