Call for applications Recherchepreis Osteuropa 2027

Strengthening reporting from Eastern Europe - this is the idea behind the Research Prize for Eastern Europe. The prize will be awarded for the fourteenth time in 2027. It enables outstanding journalists to research and produce time-consuming and travel-intensive reports for German-language media. Each year, one or two extensive reports are funded with a total of up to 7.000 euros.

Target group

The call is aimed at qualified journalists, especially transnational teams, who publish in German-language media. Teams of print and photo journalists can also apply.

Research project

Funding is available for in depth reporting on social issues from the countries of Central, South-Eastern and Eastern Europe that

- is focused on everyday life and people,
- provides insights into the consequences of economic and social transformation,
- or reveals the living conditions of marginalised groups.

An unbiased, cliché-conscious view of the topics and the search for new, surprising perspectives should already be evident in the research project.

Important **criteria** for awarding the prize include

- **Originality:** Is the research topic new - or is a familiar topic told from a new angle or perspective?
- **Relevance:** Is the topic relevant to the current social and political debate?
- **Quality:** Has the applicant already shown an ability of writing outstanding reports?
- **Appropriateness** of effort and spending

Research projects in or about people from the **following countries** can be submitted: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

Funding

A total of up to 7.000 euros is available. This is intended to enable the research and production of a major social report (e.g. page 3, magazine or similar) to be published in a German-language print medium. The amount of the grant paid out is based on the budget submitted and deemed appropriate. In addition to travel or material costs, this should include appropriate remuneration for the applicants´work. The award winners agree to the free use of their reportage in the donors´ public relations activities. The awarded journalists ensure that the donors´ support is indicated in every publication of the text.

Selection procedure

A jury of renowned journalists and representatives of the awarding institutions will decide on the awarding of the scholarship in in the second quarter of 2027. Legal recourse is excluded.

Your application

Please apply **by January 15th 2027** with the following documents

- Exposé in German or English (1-2 pages),
- Research and Budget plan in the provided form,
- Curriculum vitae in tabular form,
- three previously published work samples (in English or German translation)

Please send these documents in digital format only to the following e-mail address:
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We will be happy to answer your questions:

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