# Announcement: FOUR open "Trialogue of Cultures"-Scholarships 2015 for Israeli and Palestinian Journalists –

# 6 Months in Germany: Language Training and Media-Internship

# **Herbert Quandt-Foundation and the Trialogue of Cultures:**

Herbert Quandt-Foundation is an independent, private foundation, named after a leading entrepreneur of post-war Germany, and engaged in the "Trialogue of Cultures" in the fields of education, politics as well as media since 1996. With this programme, Herbert Quandt-Foundation wants to foster the potentials for understanding and peace that exist in as well as between the three Abrahamic faiths Judaism, Christianity and Islam and their cultural understandings. In this regard, future journalists have a special significance and responsibility. One main focus of Herbert Quandt-Foundation's Trialogue lies on the exchange of young German, Israeli and Palestinian journalists. We are looking for fellows who share the interest in a trilateral exchange and who want to get work experience in a German media context.

# Our cooperation-partners in Israel and Palestine are:

Koteret School for Communication and Journalism, Tel Aviv, I'lam Media Center for Arab Palestinians in Israel, Nazareth, University of Bethlehem, the Goethe Institute (Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Ramallah), and the German Representative Office in Ramallah, which supervises the initiative by the German Foreign Ministry called "Future for Palestine", in which the Herbert Quandt-Foundation is happy to participate in.

#### The scholarship-programme:

- 1) The scholarship in Germany will start 1 July 2015 and end 31 December 2015.
- 2) On 1 July, a two months intensive German language course including excursions will start at did Deutschland-Institut in Frankfurt. We expect a high commitment to learn to the German language. Without such an interest, the scholarship doesn't make sense.
- 3) Two weeks' workshop in September in Berlin: The goal is to produce an intercultural online magazine to be featured on the Herbert Quandt Foundation's website. All participants will be reporters researching and producing journalistic stories: news, features, opinion pieces, using current online publishing technologies.
- 4) From October until December, a three-months-internship will be organised at a German media company such as Deutsche Welle Arabic and English Programme (Radio and TV), 2470media, Jüdische Allgemeine, taz, etc. The team of Herbert Quandt-Foundation will be in close contact with the fellows during this time. The work load is five days/40 hours a week. No holidays are included in this programme as this is a professional further education.

#### We expect:

- at least a B.A.-university degree. The applicant must have finished his or her studies.
- strong political, social, cultural and religious expertise
- interest in an inter-cultural trialogue between Jews, Christians and Muslims, as well as Germans, Israelis and Palestinians
- a minimum of three years work-experience in media before and after graduation
- high journalistic qualities
- high professional work ethics
- an age between 25 and 35 years
- clear interest in Germany and German media
- very good language skills, at least in English, German would be advantageous
- a letter of reference from an academic or journalistic institution
- two written pieces of journalistic work (newspaper-articles, texts of internet-publications or transcripts of radio-features etc.)
- carefully filled-out application-forms and a CV
- the Palestinian candidates need to be able to write and read standard Arabic.

#### **Financial dimension:**

The candidate will be supported by a monthly stipend, living and travel costs:

- Herbert Quandt-Foundation will take over the costs for the course as well as the accommodation-costs at did Deutschland-Institut in Frankfurt (July to August 2015).
- A fixed amount of € 800.- to cover a return flight- to be disbursed on 31 May 2015
- $\mathbf{\epsilon}$  700.- for living costs, to be disbursed in monthly dues
- $\leq$  200,- for rent in the month of September 2015
- € 400,- per month for rent from October to December2015 (evidence required). Eventual caution payments can not be made by the foundation.
- Fees and accommodation connected with workshops and meetings organised by the foundation

# To be organised by the fellows:

- Transfer and flight
- Visa, work permit, customs, tax, insurance matters, apartment during the internship.
- The foundation will support the candidates at best with regard to visa, work permit and health insurance. Therefore a close cooperation will be necessary.
- Learning German should be taken very seriously and we expect the candidates to start learning German as soon as possible.
- Punctual and reliable working during the internship

Deadline for the application is 15 January 2015. Personal interviews will be held in during 20 and 27 March 2015 in Israel/Palestine by the programme director of the Herbert Quandt-Foundation. Results will be forwarded as soon as possible.

We are looking for strong applications. Please take your time and fill in the application form carefully. Improperly filled in forms will be excluded from closer supervision process.

Of special importance is the paragraph on the motivation to apply for this scholarship, which should include the candidates' experiences in intercultural encounter, journalism and their interest in Germany.

After the awarding of the stipend, a stipend agreement will be sent to the fellow to be signed and returned to the foundation. This agreement will include all financial performances of the foundation, kind and content of the stipend as well as the terms of termination.

# Further information on the stipend programme can be taken from our website:

http://www.herbert-quandt-stiftung.de/trialog-

journalistenstipendium/?PHPSESSID=i86hu7rfun73cu59j2hr5ulrc4onj1to (German) http://www.herbertquandtfoundation.org/about\_us/ (English).

# The film will give you some first impressions:

http://www.herbert-quandt-

stiftung.de/videos/trialogue\_scholarships\_young\_journalists\_from\_israel\_in\_germany

# Watch some material produced by former scholars:

http://www.herbert-quandt-stiftung.de/stipendiaten-blog/

 $\underline{http://www.herbert\text{-}quandt\text{-}stiftung.de/pressemeldungen/Blog\_der\_Trialog\_Stipendiaten}$ 

http://trialoguefellows.herbert-quandt-stiftung.de/2013/

#### **Applications can be sent to:**

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