



Digital Rights Programme for Journalists

Application Form

Deadline for application: February 25, 2022

Fill in basic data:

Name of applicant:	
Country of residence:	

How did you find out about the Digital Rights Programme for Journalists?
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 “Digital Rights Programme for Journalists” open call carefully.

The „Digital Rights Programme for Journalists” story proposal should be developed independently by the applicant or team with up to three members. It is the applicant’s or team’s responsibility to ensure he/she/they can devote adequate time to the programme, attend online meetings and workshops and publish an investigative story through BIRN, where necessary having gained prior consent from his/her employer.

Individual applicants or teams should complete and submit only one application with one research proposal. Multiple applications by individuals or teams are not eligible.

The application must be typewritten and completed in English. Team applications must include personal and professional details of each team member.

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.

PERSONAL DETAILS OF APPLICANT/S

If you are applying on behalf of a team, please copy this table and fill in details for each team member.

First name:	
Surname:	
Nationality:	
Country of permanent residence:	
Street name and number:	
Post code and town/city:	
Telephone (fixed):	
Telephone (mobile):	
Email:	

PROFESSIONAL DETAILS OF APPLICANT

List relevant employment history, providing contact details for employers and dates of engagement, starting with the most recent. Continue on another sheet if necessary.

If you are applying on behalf of a team, please copy these tables and fill in details for each team member.

Employer:	
Address:	Tel:
Date employed from:	Date employed 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:

Name:	
Position:	
Media outlet:	
Contact details:	

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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.

Institution:	
Qualification:	
Date awarded:	
Subject:	

Examples of published work

Attach links to articles you have written that have been published online. You may scan articles in hard copy and e-mail PDF files along with your application form. Applicants **MUST** submit at least one representative example 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:**

Language:		
Comprehension:	Written:	Spoken:
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RESEARCH PROJECT

Programme “Digital Rights Programme for Journalists” consisting of 2,000-euro bursaries and on-the-job mentoring are offered to cover topics listed in the open call. The submitted research and reporting project proposal must refer to these themes.

Applicants’ proposals should refer to the following countries: Southeast and Central Europe countries

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 in-depth investigative project hypothesis/lead. What do you plan to show, highlight or reveal?

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.

You may need to visit one or more regional states and/or one or more EU member states for your research. 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.

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

5. Competence

What is your special competence to work on the topic that you have proposed?

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM

The deadline for submitting applications for this fellowship is **February 25, 2022**.

Send your completed application form as an electronic file by **e-mail** to **applications@birnnetwork.org**.

Email subject should be: Digital Rights Programme for Journalists, NAME AND SURNAME.

In case you have questions or you need additional information please write to sofija.todorovic@birn.eu.com and d.obradovic@birn.eu.com.

Applicants who submit their applications will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt.