



## JOURNALISM IN THE ERA OF DISINFORMATION FELLOWSHIP (JED)

The JED fellowship gives student journalists from the United States and Germany the opportunity to meet their peers and learn about the role that disinformation plays in political coverage in both countries.

### Program Information

Each year, up to 8 German and 8 American journalism students will be selected to participate in this weeklong program in Washington, D.C. and New York, which will focus on political coverage in the U.S. and Germany and analyze the trend of “fake news”. By exchanging ideas and analyzing the similar ways disinformation is seen in the media of both countries, the group of journalists will come up with solutions for counteracting this trend.

This program will:

- » Give student journalists a platform to discuss with experts in the field and one another the threats posed by disinformation
- » Give student journalists an opportunity to make suggestions for ways to counteract disinformation, particularly in new media and social media
- » Allow journalists to bring lessons learned home and share with a wider audience through presentations and reports

### Included in the Program

- » Discussions with high-level contacts at various media, think tanks, and political institutions, focusing on the role of journalism in the age of disinformation
- » Transatlantic workshop to develop suggestions for counteracting the increasing role of disinformation in media
- » Flight costs to/from Washington and New York
- » All program-related travel costs
- » Accommodations and daily stipends during program
- » Health insurance (German participants)
- » Membership in Cultural Vistas Alumni Network

### How to Apply

The application deadline is **January 15, 2020**. The program will take place in Washington, D.C. and New York from May 16 to May 22, 2020. For more information and to apply, please visit [culturalvistas.org/jed](http://culturalvistas.org/jed). Questions can be sent to [info@culturalvistas.eu](mailto:info@culturalvistas.eu).

### About Cultural Vistas

Founded in 1963, Cultural Vistas is a nonprofit exchange organization promoting global understanding and collaboration among individuals and institutions. We develop international professional experiences that create more informed, skilled, and engaged citizens. Our programs empower people to drive positive change in themselves, their organizations, and society.

### Eligibility

- » You are an enrolled student in a university or higher education institution in the U.S. or Germany
- » You possess citizenship or permanent residence in your country of study
- » You are interested in pursuing political coverage (local, state, or federal) in your career as a journalist
- » You have previous experience as an intern or employee in a media setting
- » Candidates outside of Berlin, Hamburg, New York, and Washington D.C. are strongly encouraged to apply
- » Candidates with limited or no previous international experience are especially encouraged to apply

### Expectations of JED Participants

Following the exchange, each student will:

- » Submit at least one report to a local news medium, analyzing the role of disinformation in political coverage in the media
- » Give at least one presentation to their fellow journalism students or to a wider audience via an online medium
- » Work with the other exchange participants to suggest strategies for counteracting the influence of disinformation in news media
- » Summarize these strategies in a White Paper, which will be shared with journalism students in both countries

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