Milena Jesenská Fellowships
Call for Application 2020/21

Objective
The Milena Jesenská Fellowship Program, named after the Czech journalist, writer, and translator Milena Jesenská (1896–1944), offers European journalists time off from their professional duties in order to pursue in-depth research on a topic of their choice. The call is directed towards cultural journalists, with the term “cultural” being interpreted in a broad sense to encompass a wide variety of intellectual and artistic fields. However, applicants’ work may also deal with societal issues of European relevance and be related to one of IWM’s research fields (for details please see www.iwm.at/research).

Eligibility
Milena Jesenská Fellowships are intended as an award for excellence and are directed towards experienced European journalists (including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Turkey). Applicants must have worked in print, broadcast or online journalism for several years and must have an outstanding professional record. Applications by entry-level journalists or students will be rejected.

Application
Applications have to be submitted via the online application form including:
- a concise project proposal in English (max. 8,000 characters incl. spaces) with a description of the intended outcome (book, article(s), film, TV or radio broadcast etc.)
- a curriculum vitae
- a list of publications
Please submit all your application materials as PDF files!

Application Deadline:
February 1, 2020

Further Details and Online Application:
www.iwm.at/fellowships/jesenska

Selection
A jury of experts will evaluate the applications and select the finalists. Applicants will be notified of the jury decision in late spring 2020. The jury is not required to publicly justify its decisions, nor to provide applicants individual feedback on their applications.

About the IWM
The Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) in Vienna is an intellectually and politically independent institute for advanced study in the humanities and social sciences. Since its foundation in 1982, the Institute has promoted intellectual exchange between East and West, academia and society, and a variety of disciplines and schools of thought. The IWM is sustained by a community of scholars consisting of Permanent Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Guests. During each year, the IWM hosts about one hundred researchers and journalists.

Cooperation Partners
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Project Syndicate
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