



OPEN CALL for Journalist-in-Residence Program

April – September 2026 | Berlin | up to two residents

GENERAL INFORMATION

The **CORRECTIV.Exile Journalist-in-Residence Program** supports journalists who have been forced into exile due to persecution connected to their work. The program offers what many journalists lose in exile: a professional newsroom, trusted colleagues, technical infrastructure, and public visibility within a safe space.

For six months, selected journalists will work from CORRECTIV's newsroom in Berlin alongside fellow exiled journalists and investigative reporters. Residents pursue their own journalistic projects while engaging in editorial exchange, collaboration, and public dialogue. The residency is designed as a return to active journalism practice in a secure and supportive environment. Residents have access to workspaces, podcast and video studios, publishing platforms, and opportunities for public engagement. CORRECTIV.Exile understands journalism as a collective practice rooted in exchange, solidarity, and professional integrity.

What the Residency Offers

Residents are offered a temporary place within the CORRECTIV.Exile department, providing a professional base and structured opportunities for exchange with other exiled journalists and CORRECTIV staff. This includes:

- a **dedicated workspace** with access to essential technical equipment
- use of **podcast and video studios**, as well as shared open spaces for public events (subject to availability)
- access to CORRECTIV's **technical infrastructure**, including recording equipment, editing software, and production tools

Residents also receive **editorial support and visibility** through CORRECTIV.Exile, including:

- opportunities to **publish selected work** via CORRECTIV's platforms
- opportunity to participate in closed or public events as a speaker
- **profile features and media visibility**, introducing residents and their work to a wider audience
- opportunities for **collaboration with CORRECTIV.Exile members** and, where relevant, CORRECTIV journalists on joint research, stories, or events
- participation in **editorial meetings, story development sessions, and activities** of the CORRECTIV.Exile section



Who Is Eligible?

This residency is open to **professional journalists in exile** who have left their home country due to threats, harassment, legal action, or persecution directly related to their journalistic work.

You are eligible to apply if you:

- have at least **one year of professional journalism experience**
- fled your home country because of **journalism-related persecution**
- face **credible risks** connected to your work
- are committed to continuing your journalism practice
- are willing to collaborate in a shared newsroom
- have **functional English skills** (minimum B1; German is an asset)
- can provide work samples and professional references
- are based in Berlin or **able to relocate at your own expense** for the residency period

Please note: This program cannot provide emergency evacuation or immediate relocation support.

What Is Expected from Residents?

Residents are expected to:

- actively participate in newsroom life and editorial exchange
- pursue meaningful journalistic work during the residency
- publish **one longform article** with CORRECTIV (developed jointly)
- participate in **at least one event** (public event/discussion, closed roundtable, workshop or similar)
- follow editorial standards and newsroom protocols

Each resident may receive **one-time project support of approximately 500 EUR** to implement a project idea. This is not a monthly stipend and also depends on the project ideas. The residency's main value lies in professional integration, infrastructure, visibility, and community.

How are residents selected?

Applications are evaluated by a jury consisting of CORRECTIV journalists, as well as CORRECTIV.Exile members, based on:

- **Quality and relevance of journalistic work** (40%)
- **Clarity and feasibility of the proposed project** (40%)
- **Commitment to collaboration and community engagement** (20%)

Priority is given to applicants who:

- clearly benefit from newsroom access, collaboration, and visibility
- present a focused and realistic project for the residency



APPLICATION PROCESS

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted by **28 February 2026** via the [online form](#). Most information is collected there; additional materials should be uploaded to one shared folder (e.g. Google Drive) with *view access*, and the link included in the form. Applications are **confidential** and reviewed only by the CORRECTIV.Exile team and jury. If you have security concerns, please contact us.

Required Application Materials

1. Online Application Form

You will be asked to provide:

- basic personal and professional information
- a link to your shared folder
- two professional references (editors, colleagues, or relevant organization staff).

References are contacted only for shortlisted candidates.

2. Shared Folder (*view access*) containing:

- **CV** focused on your journalistic career, expertise, education, and languages
- **3–5 work samples** from the past three years (links or files; English summaries required for non-English work)
- **Risk Statement** (PDF): Describe threats or persecution related to your journalism and why returning to your home country is unsafe. You may include any safely available supporting documents.
- **Residency Project Proposal (video, max. 5 minutes):**
Introduce yourself and your planned journalistic work during the residency. Explain how you would use CORRECTIV's platforms, what you aim to publish, how you would collaborate with other (exiled) journalists, and how you would contribute to the CORRECTIV.Exile community. The video does not need to be polished.

TIMELINE

28 February 2026: Application deadline

Beginning of April: Notification of all applicants

April 2026: Start of Residency

CONTACT

Due to application volume, we cannot provide individual status updates before final decisions. For questions regarding eligibility, application requirements, or the program, please contact:

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