

OPEN CALL for Journalist-in-Residence Program

July – December 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. It provides what many lose in exile: a professional newsroom, trusted colleagues, technical infrastructure, and public visibility within a safe environment.

Over six months, residents work alongside exiled and investigative journalists. They pursue their own projects while engaging in editorial exchange, collaboration, and public dialogue. Access includes workspaces, studios, publishing platforms, and public-facing formats.

CORRECTIV.Exile sees journalism as a collective practice. Each residency therefore includes a community project, developed with and for the network of exiled journalists.

What the residency offers

Residents join the CORRECTIV.Exile department and receive:

- a dedicated workspace with essential technical equipment
- access to podcast/video studios and event spaces (subject to availability)
- use of CORRECTIV's technical infrastructure, including recording equipment, editing software, and production tools

Residents also benefit from editorial cooperation and visibility through CORRECTIV.Exile:

- publication on CORRECTIV platforms
- participation in events as a speaker
- collaboration with CORRECTIV.Exile and CORRECTIV journalists

What is expected from residents?

Residents are expected to:

- actively participate in newsroom life and editorial exchange
- pursue a clearly defined journalistic project
- collaborate with CORRECTIV.Exile and contribute to joint activities where relevant
- develop and implement a community project for/with exiled journalists
- publish one longform article with CORRECTIV (in English)
- take part in at least one event (e.g. public discussion, workshop, or roundtable)

What is a community project?

The residency is designed as a collaborative environment. It is not intended as a co-working space for independent work without engagement. The community project is your way of contributing to and shaping the network of exiled journalists at CORRECTIV.Exile. We are looking for ideas that are both meaningful and feasible within six months. Your project should create exchange, support, or visibility for others. This could take many forms, for example:

- a workshop or skill-sharing format
- a joint publication or storytelling project
- a podcast, event series, or discussion format
- a networking or peer-support initiative

The format is open, but the intention should be clear: to create something with and for the community, not just alongside it. The selection process strongly considers the clarity, relevance, and feasibility of your proposal. Each resident may receive one-time project support of approximately 500 EUR for their community project (depending on the concept).

Who is eligible?

You are eligible to apply if you:

- have at least one year of professional journalism experience
- left your home country due to journalism-related persecution
- face credible risks connected to your work
- are committed to continuing your journalistic practice
- are willing to work collaboratively in a shared newsroom
- have functional English skills (minimum B1)
- are based in Berlin

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

Disclaimer:

CORRECTIV has been declared an “undesirable organisation” by the Russian government. This residency includes public visibility (e.g. publishing under your name, participating in events as a speaker). While security measures are in place and can be adapted to residents’ needs, you should carefully consider whether you are comfortable being publicly associated with CORRECTIV. If not, this program may not be suitable.

APPLICATION PROCESS

How to apply

Apply by **31 May 2026** via the [online form](#), including a link to supporting materials (e.g. Google Drive). Applications are confidential and reviewed only by the CORRECTIV.Exile team and jury. If you have security concerns, please contact us. Selection is based on:

- quality and relevance of journalistic work (previous + planned)
- clarity and feasibility of the proposed community project
- motivation for collaboration and community engagement

Priority is given to applicants who will benefit from newsroom access and actively contribute to the collective environment. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a brief interview. References of shortlisted candidates may be contacted.

Required application materials

1. [Online application form](#), including:
 - personal and professional information; motivation for applying
 - a risk statement outlining threats or persecution and why return is unsafe
 - two professional references
 - outline of your residency plans (journalistic work + community project)
2. **Your shared folder** (e.g. Google Drive), including:
 - CV (focused on journalism, expertise, education, languages)
 - 3–5 work samples from the past three years (links or files; English summaries required if needed)
 - a video introducing you + your ideas
3. **Video Proposal** (Video, max. 3 minutes):
 - Introduce yourself: Why do you want to join a collaborative newsroom of exiled journalists? What is your proposed community project and how does it engage others? How would you contribute to the CORRECTIV.Exile network?
 - The video does not need to be highly produced.

TIMELINE

31 May 2026: Application deadline

End of June: Notification of all applicants

July 2026: Start of Residency

CONTACT

For questions about eligibility, requirements, or the program, please contact:

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