

Behind the Adenauer Fellowship for Media & Communications in Asia

The *Adenauer Fellowship for Media & Communications in Asia* has been established by the Media Programme Asia of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS). The KAS Media Programme Asia promotes a free, responsible and ethical press through fellowships, publications and events. Its mission is to strengthen the dialogue between the media and politics, as well as to monitor and highlight current media trends in the Asian and Pacific region. Thereby, the Media Programme aims to connect politics, the media and the people to safeguard a value-based dialogue towards a free, ethical and responsible communication in Asia.

The fellowship grants support Asian journalists and communication experts in their pursuit of professional enrichment and advancement and in their commitment to a free, viable and responsible communication.

Aims of the Fellowship

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a political German foundation and global advocate for the promotion of democracy and rule of law, the enforcement of social and market-economic structures as well as the realisation of human rights. It supports the development of political parties, social groups and also of free and independent media through training and further education. The functioning of societies is dependent on the stability, efficiency and openness of its elite. Their value orientation and willingness to accept responsibility is a decisive factor in how our modern society is able to organise itself. For that reason, KAS is committed to playing a role in supporting responsibly-minded future elites. KAS wants to enable talented young people to engage in serious study through ideational support and the awarding of scholarships. In doing so, it prepares them for their duties in state and society and most notably in science, economics, politics and management, media and culture as well as in international organisations.

The work of KAS is based on the value-system of the German constitutional law. Its political view and its fundamental understanding of politics place the same level of importance on the principles of freedom and justice, solidarity and peace. Its activities are characterised by the commitment to Christian-social values and by a liberal ethos. Our vision of society with its structural principles about subsidiarity and solidarity is based on ideas of order in the interaction between freedom and justice, independent achievement and joint cooperation while also being able to act in the public interest.

These are the values to which we are committed in the selection process and in the funding of those who apply for a fellowship.

Criteria for Applicants

Our aim is to support determined communication professionals that want to leave an impact with their work. We support journalists and communication professionals from most of the Asian countries that would like to extend their knowledge and experiences by either attending a postgraduate study programme or by doing an internship in the fields of journalism or (political) communication.

Does that sound like you? If you fulfil the following criteria we would like to receive your application:

- ✓ You have a first university degree (e.g. Bachelor)
- ✓ You are from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, East Timor, Vietnam
- ✓ You are 35 years of age or younger when starting your postgraduate studies or internship
- ✓ You have at least 2 years of relevant work experience
- ✓ You speak and write English fluently, at least on a C1-level
- ✓ You are highly motivated, determined and share the values of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

How to Apply for the Adenauer Fellowship?

You think you are the perfect match for the Adenauer Fellowship programme? You are just 4 steps away of becoming one of our fellows:

1. Register for an account
To apply for the Adenauer Fellowship you need to register on our [website](#).
2. Provide the required data and documents
Set up your personal profile including your education and work experiences. Additionally, you need to upload a copy of your undergraduate study certificate and a letter of motivation. You have the option to upload letters of recommendation and work samples. Afterwards, we will keep you updated on the application process via your profile and email.
3. Get ready for a personal interview
If you fulfil all the requirements and you spark our interest, we will ask you for an interview, most likely via Skype. This interview usually takes about an hour and gives both of us the possibility to get to know each other.
4. Final approval
After the interview, we'll make our final decision and will inform you via your profile and email. From that point of time, you have to enrol in the study programme or start your internship within one year.

Duration of the Adenauer Fellowship

A fellowship grant is awarded on condition that the fellow is accepted by the appropriate university and enrolled in the specific study programme. Therefore, the fellow has to present a certificate of enrolment in advance.

The fellowship will be granted for a maximum candidature period of **two years for a study programme** and a period of **three months for an internship**. The grant for a study programme is renewable every semester for the entire duration of two years. This is subject to the fellow's academic performance. Additionally, students are expected to hand in biannual semester reports, as well as all fellows have to hand in a final report at the end of their studies or their internship.

Benefits of the Adenauer Fellowship

We support you in improving your knowledge and professionalism during **postgraduate study programmes in the field of journalism and (political) communication** at a university in Asia for up to two years. That will cover the following benefits:

1. Full tuition and miscellaneous fees of up to € 6,000. Any fines or additional expenses are not covered by the fellowship (e.g. due to late enrolment).
2. General allowance for books, accommodation, living costs etc. of € 500 each semester.
3. Travel costs related to the study programme can get (partly) reimbursed on request.
4. A huge network of other fellows and alumni in related fields of interest with job opportunities and exclusive invitations to communication-related events.

We support you in deepen your journalistic experience and widen your perspective during an **internship in the field of (investigative) journalism** at a member newspaper of the Asia News network (ANN) or in Germany or **in the field of (political) communication** at a company / organisation / party in Germany between 3 and 6 months. That will cover the following benefits:

1. General allowance for accommodation, living costs etc. of up to € 2,000 per month and € 6,000 in total.
2. Return flight to the place of the internship.
3. A huge network of other fellows and alumni in related fields of interest with job opportunities and exclusive invitations to communication-related events.