

Politische Bildung in Aktion



Robert Bosch **Stiftung**

Call for applications

an exchange program for young professionals from Central and Southeastern Europe

Our purpose

The **Federal Agency for Civic Education** and the **Robert Bosch Stiftung** are awarding 16 scholarships to active professionals from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

We are looking for people at the beginning of their professional careers who wish to be active internationally. We expect applicants to already be actively promoting democracy and social responsibility in their own countries and to be engaged in civic education.

We offer the opportunity to be an intern at a German educational institution and to participate in the network of European political education. The program is intended for participants from Central and Southeastern Europe and aims to strengthen and develop early efforts at civic education in those countries.

We offer two types of program. Please only apply to one or the other program.

The **Long-Term Program (LTP) 4-6 Months**

A 4 to 6 month internship with an existing project in a German educational institution.

The **Mid-Term Program (MTP) 8-10 weeks**

You will work on your own project for 8 to 10 weeks in cooperation with a German educational institution.

Applicant profile

You want democracy to become alive in your own country. You are active in civil society and you work for an NGO, an institution for civic education or a network dedicated to improving society. You are interested in international, cross-border cooperation. You want to expand your professional horizon and improve your skills.

We want to get to know you. Apply today! There are a few prerequisites you should meet before applying to our program:

- You have a good command of German in order to communicate with your German colleagues.
- You are a citizen of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia or the Czech Republic.
- You are currently working on a full or part time basis in civic education.
- You are working as a free-lancer or full time in the field of civic education.
- You hold a university degree or have comparable qualifications and are at the beginning of your professional career.
- You are committed and can work independently.

The scholarship

We have all manner of experiences and international contacts to offer. Beyond that, the program includes:

- An internship at an institute of civic education in Germany
- Housing, food and pocket money
- An optional family allowance
- Health, accident and liability insurance
- The opportunity to attend training events
- Travel expenses to Germany and to the seminars and training events
- Introductory, intermediate and evaluation seminars in Germany
- Participation in the NECE Conference including travel and participation costs
- A certificate for successful completion of the program
- Networking with other programs at the Robert Bosch Stiftung and the Federal Agency for Civic Education. Further information can be found in the FAQ pdf.

Applying

Are you interested? Then please apply by 15 July 2010 and include the following documents:

- A European CV
- An essay on the topic of civic education (in German, maximum 3 pages)
- For the **Mid-Term Program**: An outline of a project idea which you would like to carry out in Germany (1 page)
- For the **Long-Term Program**: A paper outlining the reasons why you are applying for this project (1 page)
- Proof of experience in a civic education institute in the applicant's home country (in English or German)

- In the case of a permanent employment contract: a letter of support from the institute where the applicant is employed indicating you can be in Germany for the duration of the program
- Please indicate on the application how you heard about the program

Please send your application by email before 15 July 2010 to:

Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung
Ms. Christiane Toyka-Seid
Program coordinator
Civic Education Campaign Days
Email: bpb-inaktion@gmx.de

If you have further questions, please go to www.bpb.de/in-aktion, where you will find answers to the most common questions about a European CV, Civic Education Campaign Days, Host organizations, etc.

Timetable:

15. 7. 2010	Application deadline
19.- 22.9. 2010	Introductory seminar
29.9-1.10. 2010	NECE Conference
30.1.-2.2. 2011	Intermediate seminar
24.-27.5. 2011	Evaluation seminar

The internship periods in Germany are established in conjunction with the host organization.