Science Journalist in Residence

- Three months residency
- Amount of stipend (work contract): 15,000 EUR

The Institute of Science and Technology Austria (ISTA) offers a residency program for science journalists. The program aims to promote high-quality science journalism, to enable exchange between journalists and researchers, and to explore new ways to make research findings more broadly accessible to the public.

Over three months, from April 1st to June 30th 2024, you will accompany two research groups – selected by you – at ISTA. You will have the chance to get to know the Institute’s outstanding researchers and their work. For this, you will work closely with the Institute’s Communications team. You will be able to participate in all Institute events and gain insight into cutting-edge interdisciplinary research, while pursuing your own independent science journalism projects that may not directly relate to the Institute’s work.

You actively interact with ISTA researchers and introduce yourself to the Institute at an internal presentation at the beginning of your stay. Furthermore, you will hold at least one workshop per month during your stay on topics related to science journalism and/or science communication. The residency will conclude in an event where you will share you experiences in a panel discussion and get the chance to present your work (e.g., in the form of a reading). ISTA will take care of the organizing of location, opening, etc. Work resulting from the residency, must be accompanied by a reference to the residency program.

Other activities may include:
- Meeting and interviewing researchers and the Institute’s science communicators
- Exploration of research laboratories and scientific service facilities
- Participation in guest lectures at relevant courses
- Participation in public events with scientists

The ISTA Journalist Residency will take place at the same time as the ISTA Artist Residency and some programming will happen co-joined to encourage exchanges between journalists and artists.

Your profile

- Science journalist with several years of experience
- Capable of setting up and managing your own projects independently
- Creative and interested in finding new and fascinating stories about science
- Well-connected in the international science journalism and science media scene
- English language skills at a professional level (the language of the Institute is English)

**How to apply**

Please send the following application documents to journalistresidency@ista.ac.at:

- Letter of motivation & CV
- Selection of up to five previous publications in English or German
- A proposal of planned activities during your stay. Include 2-3 specific [research groups](#) that you would like to closely interact with and topics you are especially interested in.

The submission phase ends on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at midnight, CET.

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