Call for applications

DW Akademie is launching a third edition of its support program for Afghan media professionals and journalists in Pakistan, Tajikistan, India, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Iran. Initially, in phase 1, participants will get further qualifications through training. In phase 2, this newly acquired knowledge is applied in the production of journalistic stories. Mentoring will be provided to ensure high quality standards.

**Duration:** 1 September – 30 November 2023

**Benefits:**

1) Training and mentoring to strengthen professional capacities of participants (digital and hybrid)
   a. Training on (digital) security
   b. Mobile Journalism training
   c. Awareness training: reporting on gender / minorities
   d. Mentoring by DW Dari and Pashto Service
   e. Job coaching to strengthen career options of participants

2) Monthly stipend between September and November 2023 to cover basic costs of living

3) Successful journalistic stories may be published by DW Dari and Pashto Service

**Commitment:**
Participants commit to attend all online training sessions and stay in close communication during the mentoring phase. As part of phase 2, participants are mentored to produce a minimum of two journalistic stories for training purposes between September and November 2023. The format can be video, audio or text and photos.

**Who can apply:**
Mid-career Afghan journalists:

- with minimum of three years proven work experience with Afghan independent media
- who are residing in Pakistan, Tajikistan, India, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Iran. Applicants must have previously worked in Afghanistan as journalists and recently migrated to above mentioned countries of exile.
- who are native Dari or Pashto speakers, knowledge of both languages desired
- with availability and commitment from early September to end of November 2023
- with access to a stable internet connection
- who are willing to continue working as media professionals
How to apply:
Please submit your application no later than July 21, 2023 (midnight CET) via this application form: https://forms.gle/FwVQwgkcbvZ5pYhz9

You will need to compile and upload the following documents:

- CV/Resume
- A PDF or word document with three samples of your journalistic work (could be list of links or compilations of the articles)
- Application video introducing yourself, your current professional situation and motivation to participate in the program (max. 1 minute)

Online interviews with short-listed applicants will be conducted in the second week of August (7-11 August).

Female journalists and journalists from Afghanistan's minorities are especially encouraged to apply. The selection process aims for a balanced gender proportion.

The trainings and the mentoring will be conducted in Dari and Pashto.

About us: DW Akademie is Deutsche Welle's center for international media development, journalism training and knowledge transfer. Our projects strengthen the human right to freedom of expression and unhindered access to information. DW Akademie empowers people worldwide to make independent decisions based on reliable facts and constructive dialogue.

DW Akademie is conducting the Space for Freedom project as a network partner of the German government's Hannah Arendt Initiative. Through this initiative, the Federal Foreign Office and the Federal Commissioner for Culture and Media are supporting journalists, media workers and defenders of freedom of expression in crisis and conflict areas, as well as those living in exile.

Disclaimer:
Please note that this program does not entitle participants to any future employment by DW Dari and Pashto Service. Furthermore, participation in the program does not provide a basis for obtaining a right of residence or claiming asylum in Germany.

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