Objective
The Milena Jesenská Fellowship Program, named after the Czech journalist, writer, and translator Milena Jesenská (1896–1944), offers European journalists time off from their professional duties in order to pursue in-depth research on a topic of their choice.

The call is directed towards cultural journalists, with the term “cultural” being interpreted in a broad sense to encompass a wide variety of intellectual and artistic fields. However, applicants’ work may also deal with societal issues of European relevance and be related to one of IWM’s research fields (for details please see www.iwm.at/research).

Conditions
During the next fellowship term (July 2017 – June 2018) four fellows are invited to spend three months each at the IWM in Vienna, Austria. They will receive a stipend of EUR 2,500 per month. In addition, the IWM provides them with an office including access to internet, administrative and research facilities as well as other services free of charge. Travel grants of up to EUR 1,900 can be paid for project-related research trips.

Eligibility
Milena Jesenská Fellowships are intended as an award for excellence and are directed towards experienced European journalists (including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Turkey).

Applicants must have worked in print, broadcast or online journalism for several years and must have an outstanding professional record. Applications by entry-level journalists or students will be rejected.

Application
Applications have to be submitted via the online application form including:
• a concise project proposal in English (max. 8,000 characters incl. spaces) with a description of the intended outcome (book, article(s), film, TV or radio broadcast etc.)
• a curriculum vitae
• a list of publications

Please submit all your application materials as PDF files!

Application Deadline: XXXX, 2017

Further Details and Online Application:
www.iwm.at/fellowships/jesenska

Selection
A jury of experts will evaluate the applications and select the finalists. Applicants will be notified of the jury decision in late spring 2017. The jury is not required to publicly justify its decisions.

About the IWM
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The IWM is sustained by a community of scholars consisting of Permanent Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Guests. During each year, the IWM hosts about sixty researchers and journalists.

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