

Politische Bildung in Aktion



Robert Bosch **Stiftung**

Civic Education Campaign Days

The most important campaign for political education in Germany is called “Civic Education Campaign Days”. They first began in Germany in 2005 and have been held since then every year in May. They also take place in Austria, in the German-speaking part of Belgium and in South Tyrol. The Campaign Days aim to convince the German and European public that civic education has an important role to play in democratic societies.

The Campaign Days are designed to motivate as many civil participants as possible, including various initiatives, NGOs and government organizations to become involved in civic education.

Essay (Mid-Term Program)

The essay can answer one of the following questions:

- Which role do you think civic education plays in democracy?
- What do you think civic education means?
- What can / should be the task of cross-border / European civic education?
- What is the role of civic education in your home country in terms of shaping and developing civil society?

Please use practical examples from your own experience.

European CV

The following is a standard form developed by the European Commission. Please use it to document your education, professional background and other qualifications. The form can be downloaded at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/hornav/Downloads.csp>. Please submit your CV in German or English.

Family allowance

Subject to agreement with the program coordinator, participants with children are granted an extra allowance of up to 60 Euro per week. A certified translation of the birth certificate must be submitted.

Training session

Subject to agreement with the program coordinator, participants can attend training sessions in Germany during the time of the scholarship. These seminars must be offered by institutions for civic education in Germany. Each scholarship holder will be given up to 200 Euro to cover participation costs including lodging.

Host organizations

Host organizations are institutes for civic education active in cities as well as

rural areas in Germany. The program coordinator will give participants who were selected into the Mid-Term Program (MTP) the name of the organization that best fits their profile. The participants and host organizations then contact one another and discuss what project they could carry out together. The host organization and the participant then mutually agree upon whether the project will take place. In the Long-Term Program (LTP) the host organization is directly involved in choosing the participant.

The host organization will provide a mentor for the scholarship recipients. In the MTP the participants and their mentor in the host organization will decide together on a project that will be carried out during the Civic Education Campaign Days in May 2011. In the LTP the participant is included in the program that was advertised.

Proof of experience in a civic education organization

Applicants must submit a certificate in German or English. This certificate must be signed and sealed by the head of the organization in the applicant's home country. The certificate should state the term and type of employment (full-time or free-lance) as well as a short description of the work carried out. Applicants with a permanent work contract must also submit a letter of support from the institute at which they work. This letter should state that the employer supports the internship and is willing to release the applicant for the required time. The applicant must be able to take part in all of the program events.

NECE Conference

Professionals and experts in civic education from the old and new EU member states come together at the conference and discuss different forms, topics and methods related to their work. The conference aims to establish and strengthen partnerships, to network cultures and ideas along with intellectual schools and discourse.

The next NECE conference will be held from 29 September to 1 October in Trieste. The conference is entitled "Chances for Cultural and Citizenship Education within the Development of Cities and Urban Spaces". Participation is voluntary. Scholarship holders who do attend the NECE Conference commit to writing an article either *for* or *about* the conference. This should happen in consultation with the program coordinator. More information about NECE can be found at www.bpb.de/nece

Program coordinator

The program coordinator is the contact person for both scholarship recipients and host organizations in all matters pertaining to the internship. She selects the relevant host organizations after consulting with the bpb and the Robert Bosch Stiftung.

The project in the Mid-Term Program (MTP)

The aim of the project is to inform the German public during the *Civic Education Campaign Days* about the scholarship holder's native country. The project should thus focus on a political or social topic related to the participant's home country. In deciding they must consult with the host organization as the project must fit within the host organization's annual plan. The project can also deal

with an activity in the participant's home country. The scholarship holder should use existing contacts to carry out the project.

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Various topics and formats (e.g. seminar, discussion, cultural event, festival, etc.) are conceivable for the project. Since most of the project is to be prepared during the internship, the time required for the project must be reasonable. This should be taken into account during the project planning phase.

Project grant

In addition to the scholarship that covers living expenses in Germany, a total of 4,200 Euro are available for carrying out the project itself. This money will be managed by the host organization and can be used for the project on the basis of a cost and financing plan subject to agreement with the host organization. The money must be requested directly by the host organization from the *Federal Agency for Civic Education* by submitting a project application.

Project outline for the Mid-Term Program

The one-page outline should answer the following questions: What kind of project is being considered (e.g. seminar, discussion, cultural event, festival, etc.)? What is the project's main topic (brief description)? What is the project's target group? What steps are necessary to successfully carry out the project? How much time is likely to be needed to prepare the project?

Scholarship

The scholarship covers the following:

- Room and board, up to 200 Euro per week.
- Spending money, 80 Euro per week.
- Subject to agreement with the program coordinator, scholarship holders with children are granted an extra allowance of up to 60 Euro per week.
- Subject to agreement with the program coordinator, training sessions can be covered for up to 200.00 Euro.
- Travel costs to and from Germany.
- Travel within Germany, for the Mid-Term Program up to 300 Euro, or 400 Euro for the Long-Term Program
- Health, accident and liability insurance
- Introductory, intermediate and evaluation seminars in Germany
- Participation at the NECE Conference (29 Sept. – 1 Oct. 2010 in Trieste) including travel expenses and the attendance fee
- Networking with other programs at the Robert Bosch Stiftung and the Federal Agency for Civic Education.

The scholarship begins with an introductory seminar from 19 to 22 September 2010, during which participants will meet their mentor. A first visit to the host organization usually follows immediately after the seminar. Further visits to Germany are decided upon by the host organization and the participant.

The Mid-Term Program scholarship can be extended by two weeks if this is necessary to properly carry out the project. This extension must be decided upon by the participant in conjunction with the host organization and the program coordinator. It is expected that participants will carry out their projects during the Civic Education Campaign Days (5 to 23 May 2011) in Germany.

Introductory, intermediate and evaluation seminars in Germany

By accepting the scholarship, participants commit to attending all three events. Attendance at the NECE Conference is encouraged but voluntary. The introductory seminar will take place from 19 to 22 September 2010, the intermediate seminar from 30 January to 2 February 2011, and the evaluation seminar from 24 to 27 May 2011. Representatives from the host organizations will be present at least one day during the seminars.

Housing and meals

The host organizations can usually provide housing and meals. In this case, the organizations directly receive up to 200 € per week. In the event that the host organization cannot offer any accommodation or meals, it will assist the scholarship holder in finding housing. The money for housing and meals will then be paid to the host organization to be passed on to the scholarship holder.

Contact

All questions regarding the organization or content of the programs should be directed to the program coordinator. bpb and the Robert Bosch Stiftung have appointed Ms. Christiane Toyka-Seid to this position. The email address is: bpb-inaktion@gmx.de