In September 1984, the first group of Robert Bosch Foundation Fellows arrived in Germany for a nine-month professional development program.

Every year since then, fifteen – as of 1998, twenty – highly accomplished young Americans have been afforded this unique opportunity to become personally acquainted with Germany’s political, economic, and social situation both in overview and from the vantage point of their own professional fields. Through the program’s unique format of seminars and work phases, Bosch Fellows have gained an insider’s perspective of the working world, made a wide variety of contacts with decision makers, and achieved a better understanding of German and European views of global issues.

In the 2011-2012 program year, seminars in Brussels, Strasbourg, Paris, and Warsaw provided an introduction to the complexities of the European Union. Special attention was given to the topics of renewable energy and European integration in the face of the euro crisis.

Through this Fellowship Program, the Robert Bosch Stiftung (Foundation) aims to contribute to the long-term stabilization and growth of German-American relations. The Americans selected as participants are expected to become leaders in their professional fields, and it is hoped that the experience will foster their personal commitment to the common goal of greater transatlantic understanding.

The program has been running successfully for the past twenty-eight years.
Program Summary 2011-2012

The fellowship year lasts nine months, beginning in September and ending in May of the following year. Prior to September, fellows may have up to seven months of intensive language training, both in the US and Germany.

Introductory Seminar

September

A three-week introductory seminar program in Stuttgart, Berlin, Dresden, and Warsaw gave the Fellows an overview of German politics, economics, history, and culture, as well as the opportunity to learn more about the evolving relationship with its eastern neighbor Poland.

This initial seminar offered Fellows essential background information about Germany prior to the first work phase, focusing on the German party system, the role Germany plays in Western Europe, as well as current political and social challenges such as the consequences of Germany’s energy policy transformation.

Besides visiting Berlin as the country’s political center, the Fellows went to Stuttgart, one of the major economic and industrial areas in Germany. Excursions to Saxony and Warsaw provided examples of development in Eastern Germany and insight into relations with Poland as Germany’s most important partner in East-Central Europe.

Seminar lecturers and panelists included key figures from the fields of academia, politics, economics, business administration, labor relations, media, and culture.

Highlights of the seminar were meetings with Alexander Bonde, Minister for Rural Development and Consumer Protection from the state of Baden-Württemberg and MP Hans-Ulrich Klose, Chairman of the Bundestag’s Foreign Policy Committee. In Warsaw, Fellows met with the former Polish Ambassador to the United States, Janusz Reiter, to discuss aspects of Polish-German and Polish-American relations.

First Work Phase

October-December

During the first stage, most fellows completed professional assignments in government institutions, ranging from the Federal Foreign Office to the Ministry of the Interior. These assignments familiarized fellows with policy formulation, decision making, and the general character of public administration and politics in Germany. Journalists had the opportunity to work in key media outlets in Germany.

Seminar II

January

In January 2012, the Fellows participated in a two-week seminar program focusing on regional diversity and key issues of federal and regional policy in Germany.

They became acquainted with the areas of North Rhine-Westphalia, the Rhine-Main region, as well as Bavaria and Hamburg. During this seminar, fellows learned more about current topics such as regional and communal implementation of renewable energies. Visits to the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution and the State Criminal Police Office of North Rhine-Westphalia gave the Fellows an overview of the structure of security and police work on the federal and state levels.

One highlight of the program was a discussion with Wolfgang Schill, Director of General Economics at the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, about current challenges and differing perspectives in the eurozone.

In Hamburg, the Fellows visited the Military Academy of the German Armed Forces and met with Stefanie Babis, Acting Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

In addition, the seminar included a mid-year evaluation of the Fellowship year at Schloß Seefeld near Munich.

Second Work Phase

January-May

The second stage gave fellows the opportunity to acquire practical, regional-level experience in their respective fields in the private sector. Most fellows worked with their host institutions to design this work phase as a project based on their professional expertise and interests.

Seminar III

April

In April 2012, the Fellows traveled to Brussels, Strasbourg and Paris for a two-week seminar program exploring Europe’s intricate system of political integration and Germany’s relations with its major western neighbors.

The EU and NATO are vital to the economic and political system of Germany as vehicles for international cooperation and dialogue between the United States and Europe. The Fellows had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the EU to discuss the international role of the EU, as well as the challenges imposed by the euro crisis. A visit to NATO headquarters in Brussels emphasized the transatlantic dimension of supranational policies in Europe.

In Strasbourg and Paris, the Fellows were introduced to the tradition of cultural, economic, and political ties between France and Germany and learned more about one of the key founding members of the EU. Current topics such as the presidential campaign gave them insight into the French political system.

Some of the highlights of the seminar were discussions with Anni Podimata, Vice President of the European Parliament, about the future of Greek euro membership, and with Thomas J. White, Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Mission to the EU, about EU-US relations. In Strasbourg, the Fellows met with Prof. Dr. Angelika Nullberger, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, and discussed aspects of supranational jurisdiction in Europe.

In addition, the Fellows got the opportunity to visit a French polling station in the first round of the French presidential election in April.

Final Evaluation Seminar

May

The program concluded with an evaluation seminar in Berlin.

The Fellows discussed their experiences in Germany and Europe with representatives from the German Federal Foreign Office, the US Embassy in Berlin, and Bloomberg News. Furthermore, the Fellows visited the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development and the Deutsche Bahn AG and learned more about the future of mobility, infrastructure and transport planning.
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Professional Experience:
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Professional Experience:
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Fellowship Placements:
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  MS Journalism 2008
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Professional Experience:
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- Special Assistant, Obama-Biden Transition Team, 2008-2009

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- International Relations Central and Southeastern Europe, CIS, China

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