

DataNord – Journalist in Residence Fellowship 2025/2026

Bremen's interdisciplinary data competence center [DataNord](#) is offering a **Journalist in Residence Fellowship in 2025** for **data journalists** who deal with data-driven research in politics, society and business.

WHY SHOULD YOU APPLY?

The residency allows you to work intensively on your own **data journalism project** and provides valuable insights into the **data science and research landscape in Bremen**.

You will benefit from the interdisciplinary and interinstitutional structure as well as the training and networking opportunities offered by **DataNord**ⁱ. Expand your professional network with experts in **science and technology**. Gain insight into **interdisciplinary research projects** and **analysis methods** (including the [DataNord Research Academy](#)) by interacting with researchers. Take the **scientific perspective** and use **data and research sources** (e.g. research data repository [PANGAEA](#) for earth and environmental science data, [Bremen State and University Library](#), etc.). You can also try out innovative **storytelling techniques** and new tools for data journalism.

Take this opportunity to take your journalism to the next level!

GOAL

The residency promotes independent, **data-based journalism** and strengthens the interface between **data science, journalism and society**. The focus is on the **transfer of data journalism skills**, in particular **media-appropriate science communication** - i.e. the comprehensible, relevant and appealing presentation of scientific findings for the public.

You will share your expertise with researchers through DataNord's event formats and networks (e.g. in the form of a data story about your research project or a skills transfer workshop) to improve the communication of scientific results.

The residency offers journalists the opportunity to deepen their own data-driven research projects. There is no expectation that fellows will report on the work of the data competence center. Rather, the goal is to independently share best practices in science communication, use of available expertise, event formats and scientific networks.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!

The residency is aimed at staff and freelance **data journalists** who work with **data analytics, open data or algorithmic decision-making processes**, have knowledge of best practices in science communication and are looking for interdisciplinary exchange with researchers.

DURATION & FUNDING

The stay lasts **up to 3 months** (can be planned individually until the end of 2025). Ideally, it will include the [Research Data Day](#) event on **June 11, 2025**. Financial support of up to **3,000 euros** (for accommodation and travel expenses; a per diem allowance may be granted from the remaining amount, if applicable) will be provided.

If you are coming to Bremen from abroad or from another city, the [Welcome Center](#) of the U Bremen Research Alliance will be happy to assist you. You can also use the [Welcome Guide](#).

APPLICATION & TIMELINE

The **application period** will run from **March to April 15, 2025**, with selection to take place by April 30, 2025. Interested data journalists submit the following documents via an [application form](#).

- **Project outline** on the planned research topic and description of plans to share science communication skills with the Bremen research community (max. 1 page);
- **Short Curriculum vitae**;
- **Letter of recommendation** (optional)

Application deadline: **April 15, 2025**.

If you have any questions, please contact datanord@uni-bremen.de.

We look forward to receiving your application!

¹ DataNord offers researchers from all disciplines and career stages a wide range of services to enhance their data handling skills throughout the entire data lifecycle. These include training sessions, hackathons, consulting services, as well as opportunities for networking and professional exchange.

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