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Houston Public Media's Andrew Schneider selected for a prestigious fellowship in Germany

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HOUSTON – (March 10, 2015) – Houston Public Media's News 88.7 business reporter Andrew Schneider has been selected by the Radio Television Digital News Foundation (RTDNF) for a prestigious fellowship in Germany this summer as part of their German/American Journalist Exchange Program. Schneider will have the opportunity to meet with top-level German and business leaders, international journalists, European Union and NATO officials.

Ten producers, reporters and online editors were selected from across the country from a wide variety of news organizations including PBS NewsHour, CNN, The Associated Press, WAMU 88.5 and Fox Business Network. During the June 15-27 exchange program, the fellows will travel to Berlin, Erfurt, Cologne and Brussels, Belgium. Schneider was also granted the opportunity to stay an extra week to travel to Hamburg, Germany, where he will work on a reporting project for News 88.7 focusing on international trade.

"It's a tremendous honor to be selected for this program," said Schneider. "It's always a rare treat to be able to report from overseas."

As the business reporter for News 88.7, Schneider reports on the economic developments affecting the Greater Houston area and is host of the weekly radio segment, "Bauer Business Focus." Schneider joined Houston Public Media in January 2011. Prior to radio, he was print reporter and associate editor for "The Kiplinger Letter" covering the work of 9/11 first responders, foreign policy, global economics and international trade.

This will be Schneider's second trip overseas reporting on behalf of Houston Public Media. In 2013, he was embedded with U.S. troops in southern Afghanistan, reporting on the experiences of soldiers from Texas during the transfer of security responsibilities to Afghan government forces.

"The international exposure that Andrew receives during this fellowship will enrich the news stories he brings to Houston audiences," said Jack Williams, news director of Houston Public Media. "We are very proud of him and his fine reporting that earned him this opportunity."

The RTDNF is an education foundation created to help the members of the world's largest professional organization for electronic news embody and uphold the standards of ethical journalism and promote leadership in the newsroom. In addition, the foundation offers the electronic news community professional development opportunities, an open forum for the discussion of ethics, assistance with the development of leadership skills, support of First Amendment issues and the exchange of ideas and perspectives from electronic journalists worldwide. The fellowship is sponsored by the RIAS Berlin Kommission, a bi-national organization that promotes understanding between the United States and Germany in the field of broadcasting.

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