



LaunchPad
Empowering NextGen Journalists



Launchpad Fellowship for NextGen Journalists Application 2024

If you have any questions or issues completing the application, please contact Alexis Terrazas at launchpad@renjournalism.org. We're here to support you, so don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance in filling out this application. **The deadline for submission of this application is July 12, 2024.**

For more details, see the LaunchPad FAQs page.

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Email *

Record my email address with my response

First Name *

Your answer

Last Name *

Your answer

Phone Number *

Your answer

City, State *

Your answer

Social media handle(s): LinkedIn; X; Facebook; Instagram; etc.

Your answer

How did you learn about this fellowship? *

Your answer

About You

What are your pronouns? *

Your answer

How would you describe your racial and/or ethnic identity? *

Your answer

Do you identify with a community that is underrepresented, misrepresented or invisible in the media? If so, please let us know. *

Your answer

What drives you to be a journalist and/or community storyteller? Or put another way: What motivates you to pursue a career in journalism? What do you hope to achieve? *

Your answer

About Your Career in Journalism

Please provide a current résumé. *

We accept word documents and PDF formats.

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How many years of **professional journalism experience** (sequentially or cumulatively, include freelancing) do you have? Briefly describe. *

Your answer

Please provide links to **three (3) relevant work samples** (of any medium) that demonstrate your experience **and** ability to 1) investigate complex topics related to equity and racial and social justice; 2) produce and get published long-form reporting projects; and/or 3) amplify the voices and stories of underreported, misrepresented or invisible communities. *

We prefer published journalistic work, but will also consider reported blog posts or other forms of journalism and storytelling.

Have you been awarded and participated in other journalism fellowships, news internships and/or reporting grants projects? Please describe (include dates and amounts received).

Your answer _____

Current employment status: *

- Employed full-time as a journalist
- Employed part-time as a journalist
- Full-time freelance journalist
- Part-time freelance journalist
- Employed full-time in a non-journalism job
- Employed part-time in a non-journalism job
- Unemployed
- Other: _____

What is your estimated annual income? Include any other significant sources of financial support (e.g. parental support, spousal support, fellowships, grants, etc.). *

- < \$20,000 per year
- \$20,000 - \$40,000 per year
- \$40,001 - \$60,000 per year
- \$60,001 - \$80,000 per year
- > \$80,000 per year

Please provide contact info (phone number & email address) for two (2) professional references. *

Your answer

About Your Project Proposal

Describe your proposed project in three (3) sentences or less. *

Your answer

What important equity or racial/social justice issue(s) will you address with your project? *

Up to 100 words

Your answer

Why is this topic/issue/story important or relevant to you? Have you covered it previously and to what extent? *

Up to 200 words

Your answer

How do you plan to address or unpack the systemic drivers, root causes and intersectionality of your chosen issue? (e.g., systemic racism, economic inequality, etc.)? *

Up to 200 words

Your answer

Which community/communities do you plan to center and engage with your project, **and how?** *

Up to 200 words

Your answer

What experience and expertise do you have covering this community **and** this issue? If none, how do you plan to establish trust in the community? *

Up to 200 words

Your answer

Besides your reporting experience, what strengths, expertise, lived experiences or special qualities do you possess that make you **uniquely qualified** to report on this issue/story within this particular community? *

Up to 200 words

Your answer

In what medium do you plan to report this project? (e.g. print, photojournalism, podcast, multimedia, etc.) *

Up to 100 words

Your answer

Please upload a **projected timeline** of the major milestones/deadlines involved in your project. If you have an **itemized budget** for your project, please include it. Projects must be completed by July 31, 2025. *

We accept Word documents, spreadsheets and PDF formats.

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Please upload a letter of support from your news organization (if employed) or a letter of interest/commitment to publish from a news outlet (if an independent journalist). *

NOTE: If you are employed by a news outlet, you are required to provide a letter of support from your editor prior to being accepted into the program. If you are a freelancer, you are required to provide a letter of interest/commitment to publish or air from a news outlet prior to being accepted to the fellowship.

Please contact us if you have questions about this and we can assist you.

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How will this fellowship support your career in journalism? *

Up to 200 words

Your answer

Is there anything else we should know about you or your proposed reporting project?

Your answer

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