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Diversity Fellowships in Environmental Reporting September 2008–June 2009

Fellowship Application

Traditionally underrepresented minority journalists from all media are invited to apply for a Metcalf Institute Diversity Fellowship in Environmental Reporting. Eligible journalists must have no less than one year of journalism experience, U.S. citizenship and a demonstrated interest in improving their environmental and science reporting skills and expanding environmental news coverage.

The 42-week fellowships include an orientation, an environmental justice workshop, four weeks of independent study, and nine months working as a reporter covering science and the environment at one of six news outlets. The fellowship provides limited compensation for travel.

Submit the original and three copies of all application materials. Information will be used only to evaluate

applicants. Please complete all items. Applications must be postmarked by: **March 18, 2008**

Send application package to:

Fellowships Coordinator
Metcalf Institute for Marine
and Environmental Reporting
URI Graduate School of Oceanography
Narragansett, RI 02882

Personal

Name _____		U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Home Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Home Telephone (Indicate if cell) _____	Home Email _____	Date of Birth _____	Male/Female _____
Race/Ethnicity:			
<input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino American <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

Professional

Number of years as a full-time professional journalist _____

Employer _____		Circulation/size of audience _____	
Job Title _____		Full Time/Part Time _____	
Office Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Office Telephone _____	Fax _____	Office Email _____	
Supervisor _____	Supervisor's Title _____	Supervisor's Telephone _____	

Provide a brief description of the duties of your current position:

On a separate sheet list all positions you have held while employed as a professional journalist.

Include: employer/address, position, supervisor, phone, and dates of employment

If you are a freelancer, detail on a separate sheet your major articles or productions.
Include: titles of stories, dates, publication/media outlet, and supervisor/editor

Education

Undergraduate Institution	Degree Received & major	Year
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Graduate Institution	Degree Received & program	Year
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Language(s) other than English, and degree of fluency.

List science background other than above:

Awards

Journalism prizes and/or awards:

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Application Package Inclusions

Resume

Provide a copy of your resume.

Essay

Provide a 1000- to 1500-word essay that describes your career as a journalist and the values that have shaped your work to date. Describe your most noteworthy achievements. Answer the following questions: Why are you interested in a Metcalf Institute fellowship and how would a fellowship benefit you?

Professional Work Samples

Do not use scrapbooks or presentation folders. No application materials will be returned.

Print Journalists. Send *no more than three* articles or photographs. Clippings must be dated and legible and printed on 8.5" x 11" paper.

Photo Journalists. Send no more than 10 photographs. Photos in print or on CD or DVD are acceptable.

Broadcast Journalists. Send VHS videocassettes in NTSC (not PAL), audiocassettes, CDs, and/or DVDs, and/or weblinks (URLs) of *no more than three* works. Include a brief typed description of the work identifying dates of broadcasts and media outlet(s).

Electronic Journalists. Send *no more than three* printouts on 8.5" x 11" paper of work published on the Web. Provide URLs where your work may be read or downloaded.

References

Two confidential letters of reference should be sent directly to the Metcalf Institute. References should evaluate your abilities as a journalist. One letter must be from your current immediate supervisor or, for freelancers, from an editor who has most recently worked closely with you.

Organize your application package in the following order (please do not staple):

1. Application Form
2. List of journalism positions held
3. Resume
4. Essay
5. Professional work samples

Submit the **original and three copies** of all application materials.

How did you learn about Metcalf Institute Journalism Fellowships?

Print publication (specify)

Friend

Employer

Web site (specify)

Other (specify)

Contact

Fellowships Coordinator
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fellowships@metcalfinstitute.org
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The University of Rhode Island supports diversity. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from women, ethnic minorities, disabled persons, and veterans.