



ALFRED FRIENDLY PRESS FELLOWSHIPS INCLUDING THE DANIEL PEARL FELLOWSHIPS

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CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY:

- ◆ Current full-time employment as a journalist for the news or editorial departments of independent newspapers, magazines, wire services, online publications of general public interest in a developing country or an emerging market;
- ◆ At least three years of full-time professional experience as a journalist in the print/online media;
- ◆ Citizenship of a developing country or an emerging market;
- ◆ Early to mid-career status and between 25 and 35 years old;
- ◆ A demonstrated personal commitment to a career in journalism in a developing country or an emerging market;
- ◆ Ability and desire to share what is learned on the fellowship with other journalists at home;
- ◆ Endorsement from the management of the home publication;
- ◆ An excellent command of both written and spoken English as all activities are conducted in English.

Due to requirements of reporting in the U.S., preference is given to applicants who are proficient in using computers and driving automobiles.

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The Fellowship covers all costs of program-related international and domestic U.S. travel, health insurance and provides a monthly stipend to cover basic living expenses. It is highly recommended that Fellows bring additional money with them. While family members may visit for up to one month, they cannot accompany the Fellow for the duration of the Fellowship.

**If you wish to download additional applications or learn more about the AFPF program,
visit our website at www.pressfellowships.org.**



AFPF APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECKLIST

A complete Alfred Friendly Press Fellowship application includes **ALL** items **A** through **K**. Please check the boxes next to the items as you complete them. Applications are only accepted by mail or by email. Incomplete or faxed applications will not be reviewed. AFPF must receive completed applications at their office by **August 1** for the program beginning the following March. To ensure on-time delivery, some applicants use courier services such as DHL. All mailing costs are the responsibility of the applicant. We evaluate candidates based on accomplishment and potential. We are particularly interested in applicants who show a significant capacity for growth and leadership and can demonstrate that a six-month fellowship would make them, and their professional peers, better journalists.

- A APPLICATION FORM.** The application form must be completed in full and signed. Please attach one additional page to the application form if more space is needed to answer questions.
- B CV/RÉSUMÉ.** Attach a curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé that outlines your professional and educational history. Briefly describe your responsibilities and achievements in each job. The CV/résumé should be one to two pages, typed and in English.
- C ESSAYS.** Each of the essays should be one to two pages, typed and in English.
 1. **Professional Statement.** Please describe your journalistic experience, career plans and goals, and how you will work in and outside your home newsroom to share what you learn on the AFPF program with others.
 2. **Individual Fellowship Goals.** Outline the specific goals you'd like to achieve if awarded an Alfred Friendly Fellowship/Daniel Pearl Fellowship. These goals should correspond to those that you list on page 4 (Section IV) of the application and should not replicate the program goals of AFPF.
- D LETTERS OF REFERENCE.** Two confidential reference letters are required. A third reference from someone familiar with your personality, character, background, etc., is optional. References from AFPF alumni who you know well are welcomed and encouraged. References must be written on the forms provided (pages 5 and 6) and sent directly to AFPF (via post, e-mail or fax) or included in your application packet in sealed envelopes. English translations must accompany letters not written in English originally. Effective letters of reference are those offering significant insights into the candidate's ability and experiences that best indicate his/her suitability to be a Fellow.
 1. **Required Reference #1** must be written by the publisher, editor, manager or director of your news organization.
 2. **Required Reference #2** must be written by your immediate supervisor – or another person for whom you have worked who can attest to your journalistic abilities and professional character.
- E EMPLOYER'S ENDORSEMENT.** Please have your employer complete and sign the form on page 7 endorsing your participation and granting a six-month leave of absence should you be chosen.
- F ARTICLES.** Four clippings of published articles that best show your interests and abilities. Articles must be legible, easily photocopied and published in the current year. If your articles are available online, you may copy and paste these into Word OR print them directly from the web page; either way, you **MUST** clearly date any online articles and include their URLs. Do **NOT** send question/answer interviews. Full English translations, completed by the applicant, must accompany articles not written in English originally. Note: Editors who do not have recent clips may include copies of published work along with a description of your editing role in these samples. Internet journalists must submit samples that are journalistic in nature and demonstrate that your job involves news gathering, writing, editing or producing.
- G PHOTOGRAPH.** Attach one passport-size head-shot photo, taken in the last six months.
- H PUBLICATION.** Mailed applications should include one issue of your publication. Email applicants should indicate the number of pages and sections typically found in the publication and may be requested to send a hard copy at a later date.
- I PRESS CREDENTIALS.** A clear photocopy/scan of your working press credentials, press pass or equivalent.
- J COPY OF PASSPORT.** A clear photocopy/scan of your valid passport. Please include picture, information pages and any U.S. visas you've had. (If you hold more than one passport please send copies of each.)
- K COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE.** (if applicable) A clear photocopy/scan of your valid automobile driver's license.

**** ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT.** Top candidates will be required to demonstrate their English language proficiency prior to receiving a fellowship. Evaluations will be administered in the candidate's country of residence.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DANIEL PEARL FELLOWSHIP

Applicants from the following countries are eligible to apply for the Daniel Pearl Fellowships: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, the Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE and Yemen.

Are you a citizen of one of these countries? Yes No Are you a Muslim? Yes No

If you answered yes to both questions above and wish to apply for the Daniel Pearl Fellowship, you are required to complete ALL items A through K (above) and L (below).

- L DANIEL PEARL FELLOWSHIP ESSAY.** (This should be one to two pages, typed and in English.) Describe how your career goals match the mission and spirit of Daniel Pearl as a journalist and person. Find more information at www.danielpearl.org.



**ALFRED FRIENDLY PRESS FELLOWSHIPS
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APPLICATION**

ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH
HERE FOR APPLICATIONS
BY MAIL.

IF EMAILING YOUR
APPLICATION, SEND THE
PHOTOGRAPH AS AN
ATTACHMENT.

AFPF MUST RECEIVE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY AUGUST 1. THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS TO SUBMIT:
1. MAIL TO: AFPF, 1100 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, SUITE 440, WASHINGTON, DC 20036 OR
2. EMAIL TO: INFO@PRESSFELLOWSHIPS.ORG

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

FIRST/GIVEN NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME(S) _____ FAMILY/LAST NAME _____

MALE FEMALE

HOME ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS) _____

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS:

HOME WORK

HOME ADDRESS (CITY, STATE, COUNTRY, POSTAL CODE) _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____

HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS **(95% OF CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE THROUGH E-MAIL)** _____

CELLULAR OR OTHER TELEPHONE _____

(MONTH) _____ (DAY) _____ (YEAR) 19 _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY AND COUNTRY) _____

HOME FAX _____

COUNTRY/COUNTRIES OF CITIZENSHIP (LIST ALL) _____

MARITAL STATUS (SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED) _____

PASSPORT NUMBER _____ COUNTRY OF ISSUE _____ DATE OF ISSUE _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (ONLY FILL THIS PART IN IF YOU HAVE SPENT TIME IN THE U.S. AND HAVE APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED A U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.) _____

DO YOU HAVE A VALID AUTOMOBILE DRIVER'S LICENSE? YES NO

HOW OFTEN DO YOU DRIVE AN AUTOMOBILE? DAILY WEEKLY ONCE IN A WHILE NEVER

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DRIVING AN AUTOMOBILE? _____ (YEARS)

CAN YOU GET AN INTERNATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE? YES NO HOW QUICKLY? _____

WHAT IS THE COST (IN U.S. DOLLARS)? _____

II. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

EMPLOYER (NEWS OUTLET) _____ YOUR CURRENT TITLE/POSITION _____

LENGTH OF TIME WITH THIS TITLE/POSITION _____

WORK ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS) _____

IS THIS A LOW, MID OR HIGH LEVEL POSITION? _____

WORK ADDRESS (CITY, STATE, COUNTRY, POSTAL CODE) _____

WORK TELEPHONE _____

WORK E-MAIL ADDRESS **(95% OF CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE THROUGH E-MAIL)** _____

WORK FAX _____

YOUR ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE _____

TOTAL YEARS WITH THIS EMPLOYER _____

YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR'S NAME _____ TITLE _____

CAN YOU USE A COMPUTER? YES NO

HOW DO YOU WRITE COPY? (BY HAND, TYPEWRITER OR COMPUTER) _____

DO YOU SUPERVISE ANY STAFF? HOW MANY?
 YES NO _____

ORGANIZATION'S OWNERSHIP (PRIVATE, GOVERNMENT OR MIXED) _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEWSROOM STAFF: _____

CIRCULATION (NUMBER OF COPIES) _____ PER _____ DAY/WEEK/MONTH

HOW MANY TOTAL YEARS HAVE YOU WORKED FULL-TIME AS A JOURNALIST? _____

LANGUAGE OF YOUR NEWS OUTLET _____

LANGUAGE IN WHICH YOU WRITE COPY _____

DESCRIBE SPECIFICALLY YOUR CURRENT JOB AND ANY ADDITIONAL NEWSROOM RESPONSIBILITIES: _____

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE IN JOURNALISM:

START DATE (MM/YY)	END DATE (MM/YY)	PUBLICATION/ORGANIZATION	TITLE
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

III. EDUCATION, TRAVEL AND INTERESTS

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

DATES (MM/YY-MM/YY)	DEGREE AND SUBJECT	INSTITUTION	LOCATION
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

WHERE (SCHOOL, INSTITUTION) AND FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU STUDIED ENGLISH? _____

WHAT OTHER LANGUAGES DO YOU KNOW WELL? INCLUDE NATIVE LANGUAGE(S). _____

PLEASE LIST ALL VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES AND RECENT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:

DATES(MM/YY-MM/YY)	COUNTRY/COUNTRIES	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TYPE OF VISA (U.S. TRAVEL ONLY)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PUBLISHED WORK (BOOKS, SPECIAL ARTICLES OR OTHER WORK): _____

PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND/OR ACHIEVEMENTS: _____

LEADERSHIP AND/OR MEMBERSHIP IN ANY ORGANIZATIONS: _____

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: _____

HOBBIES AND/OR OUTSIDE INTERESTS: _____

DO YOU KNOW ANY AFPP ALUMNI? YES NO WHOM? _____

HOW HAVE THEY HAD AN IMPACT ON YOU/YOUR NEWS ORGANIZATION/JOURNALISM IN YOUR COUNTRY? _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT AFPP? _____

IV. INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP GOALS

LIST TWO INDIVIDUAL GOALS YOU'D LIKE TO ACHIEVE ON THE ALFRED FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP/DANIEL PEARL FELLOWSHIP, SHOULD YOU BE CHOSEN. DESCRIBE THEM IN MORE DETAIL ON A SEPARATE SHEET IN A ONE TO TWO PAGE ESSAY, AS DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2.

1. _____

2. _____

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT, IF AWARDED A FELLOWSHIP, I WILL BE EXPECTED TO DEVOTE MYSELF FULL-TIME TO MY ASSIGNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. ON COMPLETION OF THE FELLOWSHIP I WILL IMMEDIATELY RETURN TO MY COUNTRY AND CONTINUE PRACTICING JOURNALISM THERE.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF REFERENCE #1 (TO BE COMPLETED BY PUBLISHER, EDITOR, MANAGER OR DIRECTOR)

APPLICANT: PLEASE FILL IN YOUR NAME AND COUNTRY IN THE SPACE BELOW. GIVE FORM TO RECOMMENDER.

NAME OF APPLICANT

COUNTRY

REFERENCE: PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW. YOU MAY BE CONTACTED TO DISCUSS THIS REFERENCE LETTER FURTHER.

NAME	PROFESSIONAL TITLE	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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NEWS ORGANIZATION	HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?	WORK TELEPHONE
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SIGNATURE	DATE	WORK FAX
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CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU HAVE WORKED WITH THE APPLICANT: _____

The person listed above is applying for a six-month working journalism fellowship in the United States. He/she will work as a reporter at a major metropolitan news outlet and will attend conferences and workshops related to his/her interests and skills. If chosen for this fellowship, he/she will return to your newsroom with new skills and ideas useful to your organization and will be expected to share them with you and other colleagues.

Please outline specific journalism skills that the applicant can focus on that will benefit your news organization. Please describe the ways in which the applicant will be encouraged to share knowledge and skills acquired on this program. Please also comment on the applicant's ability to share knowledge as well as his/her adaptability, maturity, leadership ability, assertiveness/self-confidence, English ability and commitment to journalism. Your comments will remain confidential and will not be shared with the applicant. *An English translation must accompany any reference letter not written in English originally.*

COMMENTS: (PLEASE CONTINUE ONTO BACK OF FORM IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE)

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED RECOMMENDATION DIRECTLY TO AFPF (BY EMAIL, FAX, OR POSTAL MAIL) OR RETURN IT TO THE APPLICANT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE. THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS FORM IS AUGUST 1. SEND TO: **AFPF, 1100 CONNECTICUT AVE., NW, SUITE 440, WASHINGTON, DC 20036 USA**
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CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF REFERENCE #2 (TO BE COMPLETED BY IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR)

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NAME OF APPLICANT

COUNTRY

REFERENCE: PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW. YOU MAY BE CONTACTED TO DISCUSS THIS REFERENCE LETTER FURTHER.

NAME		PROFESSIONAL TITLE	E-MAIL ADDRESS
NEWS ORGANIZATION	HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?		WORK TELEPHONE
SIGNATURE	DATE	WORK FAX	

CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU HAVE WORKED WITH THE APPLICANT: _____

AFPF would appreciate your judicious evaluation of the applicant. Your comments will remain confidential and will not be shared with the applicant. Please assess the applicant's potential for successful participation in the program especially in terms of his/her ability and desire to transfer knowledge gained on the program to colleagues at home, but also in terms of his/her adaptability, maturity, leadership ability, assertiveness/self-confidence, English ability and commitment to journalism. Please also comment on why sending him/her on the fellowship will benefit your news organization or journalism in his/her country of residence. *An English translation must accompany any reference letter not written in English originally.*

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EMPLOYER'S ENDORSEMENT

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NAME OF APPLICANT

COUNTRY

I ENDORSE THIS APPLICANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE AFPF PROGRAM FROM MARCH TO SEPTEMBER OF 20_____. (YEAR)

I AGREE TO CONTINUE PAYING _____ % OF HIS/HER SALARY FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM.

I GUARANTEE THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROGRAM, THE APPLICANT WILL BE RE-EMPLOYED AT _____ (NEWS OUTLET) AND ASKED TO TRAIN COLLEAGUES IN THE NEWSROOM.

NAME

PROFESSIONAL TITLE

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