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IJP RESEARCH GRANT

Internationale Journalisten Programme (IJP) and the Arthur F. Burns Fellowships are providing a special opportunity for journalists with a passion for research and storytelling around the globe.

IJP's Research Grants offer stipends of up to €4,000 to as many as 10-15 print, broadcast and new media journalists. Grantees will be selected by an advisory board, including professionals and trustees working in journalism.

Who: All IJP and Burns alumni are eligible – both newsroom staffers and freelancers.

What: The grants support ambitious journalism projects including, but not limited to the global economic crisis. Joint projects between journalists from different countries are encouraged, but individual projects will also be considered. A transatlantic perspective should be part of the project.

When: The deadline is ongoing throughout 2010/2011 until funds are exhausted.

Selection Criteria: When choosing, we consider each candidate's professional accomplishments and potential; his or her

individual and organizational commitment, and the potential impact of the proposed journalistic project. For collaborative projects, each applicant should submit a separate application that incorporates the jointly developed project proposal. Click here for details on what to submit.

Requirements: The program will only review completed applications endorsed by a news organization. Stories must be published or broadcast within four months of grant award date. Eighty percent of the amount of each grant will be paid at the outset of the project, with the remaining 20 percent to be paid upon publication or broadcast. Applicants are expected to join ijpcommunity.org, a new web 2.0 Community for IJP alumni and the official web site for the grants.

Where: Please send your application to burns@ijp.org or researchgrant@ijp.org.

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What To Submit

(Three Copies Of Each Or By Email):

Personal statement (including project proposal): In no more than 500 words, please describe your reporting experience. Tell us about the types of stories you currently cover (or would like to cover) and why you are interested in receiving an IJP Research Grant. Include a description of your publication, broadcast outlet or web site, including the size, nature and geographic reach of its audience, and ideally a brief CV.

In no more than 750 to 1,000 words, summarize three individual stories or a major reporting project that you propose to pursue as part of the grant. Your proposal should be well-researched, suggest possible multimedia components and confirm that you have explored the topic with a supervisor. We are looking for story descriptions that are in-depth and indicate that the applicant has already done some preliminary research. In the case of freelancers, applicants should discuss their topics with an assigning editor or producer for a target publication or broadcast outlet, who must agree in principle to publish or broadcast the project.

Specify the size of the grant you are seeking (up to €4,000) and provide budget details about how you intend to spend the grant (flight, transportation, hotel, meals &

incidentals, etc). The size of the requested grant should be commensurate with the complexity and anticipated cost of completing the proposed project. The selection committee reserves the right to award a lesser amount than requested if, in the members' views, the proposed expenditures are not justified.

Letter from your sponsoring news organization:

Please supply a letter of reference from your editor, producer or news director that discusses your abilities and potential as a journalist. Freelancers must submit a letter of reference from a news organization that will commit to publish or air grant stories that meet its standards. The letter should confirm the following:

- that your news organization expects to publish or air your stories, assuming they meet its standards;
- that your employer will allow you the time needed for completion of your project.
- that you and/or your news organization will grant IJP the publication rights for your story on its web site, www.ijpcommunity.org.

**For further questions contact:
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