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INTERNATIONALE JOURNALISTEN-PROGRAMME

IJP RESEARCH GRANT 2010: "THE GLOBAL CRISIS AND BEYOND"

During what may prove the worst of times for the businesses that traditionally have funded professional journalism IJP provides a special opportunity for journalists with a passion for research and storytelling around the globe.

IJP is pleased to announce the launch of the IJP Research Grant, which will offer grants of up to €4,000 in 2010 to as many as 10-15 print, broadcast and new media journalists.

The grants support ambitious journalism projects on "The Global Crisis and Beyond". Joint projects between journalists from different countries are encouraged. A transatlantic perspective should be part of the project.

IJP will support projects that examine the effects of the crisis across all areas and regions; the grant is not confined to business or economic journalism.

Grants are open to both newsroom staffers and freelancers. The program will only review completed applications endorsed by a news organization. Freelance journalists must submit written confirmation of a news organization's commitment to publish or air the work resulting from the grant, assuming it meets its standards. 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. Stories must be

published or broadcast within four months of grant awards.

When choosing, we consider each candidate's professional accomplishments and potential; his or her individual and organizational commitment, and the potential contribution of his or her proposed stories or project on the public's understanding of the effects of the current crisis. The deadline is ongoing during 2010, although funds may come to an end if the funding available is spent on approved projects so far.

The IJP Research Grant is financed by contributions from Goldman Sachs and the Ford Foundation. Grantees will be selected by an advisory board, which includes professionals and trustees working in journalism.

Applicants are expected to join ijpcommunity.org, a new Web 2.0 community for IJP alumni and the official web site for the grants.

What to Submit

(by email as one compiled pdf-file to researchgrant@ijp.org):

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

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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 of yourself.

In not 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 details about how you intend to spend the grant. 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.

Journalists who propose a collaborative project will be given priority consideration. Each should submit a separate application that incorporates their jointly developed project proposal.

Please supply a letter of reference from your editor, producer or news director that discusses your abilities and potential as a journalist. (Freelancers should 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 their standards;
- That your employer will assign the time needed for completion of your project to you.
- That you and/or your news organization grant IJP the publication rights for your story on its internet presence, ijpcommunity.org.

For further questions contact:
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