



# ALFRED FRIENDLY PRESS PARTNERS

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## FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

PRESS PARTNERS MUST RECEIVE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY AUG. 31.

EMAIL TO: DAVID@PRESSPARTNERS.ORG, SUBJECT: AFPP FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

A complete application includes **ALL** items **A** through **J**. Please check the boxes next to the items as you complete them. Applications are only accepted by email. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

- A APPLICATION FORM.** The application form must be completed in full. Please attach one additional page to the application form if more space is needed to answer questions.
  - B CV/RÉSUMÉ.** 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, 400 to 800 words, 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 Press Partners program with others.
    2. **Individual Fellowship Goals.** Outline the specific goals you'd like to achieve if awarded an Alfred Friendly Fellowship.
  - 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 Press Partners alumni who you know well are welcomed and encouraged. References must be written on the forms provided (pages 4 and 5) and sent directly to Press Partners. 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 6 endorsing your participation and granting a six-month leave of absence should you be chosen.
  - F ARTICLES.** Links to four published/broadcast stories that best show your interests and abilities. 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. Broadcast journalists should submit links of video samples with translations or summaries in English if necessary.
  - G PHOTOGRAPH.** One passport-size head-shot photo, taken in the last six months.
  - H PRESS CREDENTIALS.** A clear photocopy/scan of your working press credentials, press pass or equivalent.
  - I 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.)
  - J COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE.** (if applicable) A clear photocopy/scan of your valid automobile driver's license.
- \*\* **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT.** Top candidates *may* be required to demonstrate their English language proficiency prior to receiving a fellowship. Evaluations would be administered in the candidate's country of residence.



**III. EDUCATION, TRAVEL AND INTERESTS**

**EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:**

START-END 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 (200 CHARACTERS MAX.): \_\_\_\_\_

HOBBIES AND/OR OUTSIDE INTERESTS (200 CHARACTERS MAX.): \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU KNOW ANY PRESS PARTNERS ALUMNI?  Yes  No WHOM? \_\_\_\_\_

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

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT PRESS PARTNERS? \_\_\_\_\_

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(PLEASE PRINT AND SIGN IN PEN) DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_



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

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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 OUTLET

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?

\_\_\_\_\_  
WORK TELEPHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
WORK FAX

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:** (4600 CHARACTERS MAX.)



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## CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF REFERENCE #2 (TO BE COMPLETED BY 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 OUTLET

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?

\_\_\_\_\_  
WORK TELEPHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
WORK FAX

CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU HAVE WORKED WITH THE APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

Press Partners 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 publication or journalism in his/her country of residence. *An English translation must accompany any reference letter not written in English originally.*

**COMMENTS:** (4600 CHARACTERS MAX.)



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## EMPLOYER'S ENDORSEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTRY

I ENDORSE THIS APPLICANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PRESS PARTNERS 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, APPLICANT WILL BE RE-EMPLOYED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (NEWS OUTLET) AND ASKED TO TRAIN COLLEAGUES IN THE NEWSROOM.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
PROFESSIONAL TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
PUBLICATION/ORGANIZATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
WORK TELEPHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
WORK FAX

## PROGRAM GOALS:

- ◆ To provide the fellow with experience in reporting, writing, editing, producing and editorial decision-making that will enhance future professional performance;
- ◆ To expose the fellow to the technological changes that are occurring in the industry;
- ◆ To enable the fellow to gain a practical understanding of the function and significance of the free press in American society;
- ◆ To transfer knowledge gained on the program to colleagues at home;
- ◆ To foster continuing ties between free press institutions and journalists in the United States and their counterparts in other countries.

## THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM:

In the conviction that a strong, free press is essential to the healthy functioning of a democracy, the late Alfred Friendly, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and former managing editor of The Washington Post, conceived a fellowship program that would both impart American journalistic traditions and respond to worldwide interest in the dissemination of fair and accurate news. It was Alfred Friendly's belief that working side by side with reporters and editors is the best way to absorb the practical realities of journalism in this country and the instrumental role it plays in our society. Therefore, he created the program that bears his name to immerse journalists in American newsrooms. Since 1984 the Alfred Friendly Press Partners has trained more than 300 journalists from 80+ countries.

The fellowship program begins with a three-week orientation and training seminar at the Missouri School of Journalism in Columbia, Missouri designed to prepare the fellows – both personally and professionally – for the challenges of living and working in the United States. At the middle of the program, fellows and staff come together to attend seminars focused on writing, editing, multimedia reporting and investigative reporting/Computer Assisted Reporting. A final seminar in Washington allows them to compare and evaluate their experiences and discuss their impressions of the American media, and to learn and practice presentations to make in their home countries to share what they've learned with colleagues.

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.

For additional information visit our website at [www.presspartners.org](http://www.presspartners.org).