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DANIEL PEARL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

PRESS PARTNERS MUST RECEIVE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY AUGUST 31.

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

Muslim journalists 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

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, 400-800 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.
 3. **Daniel Pearl Essay.** 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.
- 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 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.



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I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

(CLICK ABOVE THE LINES TO ENTER ANSWERS. BOXES ARE FIXED SIZE, SO PLEASE BE CONCISE.)

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

II. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

EMPLOYER (NEWS OUTLET)

YOUR CURRENT TITLE/POSITION

LENGTH OF TIME WITH THIS TITLE/POSITION

WORK ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS)

WORK TELEPHONE

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

TOTAL YEARS WITH THIS EMPLOYER

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

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

YOUR NEWS ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEWSROOM STAFF: _____

YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR'S NAME

TITLE

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

LANGUAGE YOU WRITE COPY IN

ORGANIZATION'S OWNERSHIP (PRIVATE, GOVERNMENT OR MIXED)

CIRCULATION (NUMBER OF COPIES)

PER _____
DAY/WEEK/MONTH

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE IN JOURNALISM:

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

TITLE

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)

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)

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, 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 nearly 300 journalists from 80 countries.

Sharing the same goals, the Daniel Pearl Foundation partnered with Press Partners in 2003 to offer special fellowships to honor the life and work of journalist Daniel Pearl, The Wall Street Journal South Asia bureau chief who was kidnapped and murdered in Pakistan in 2002. Daniel Pearl Fellows – 11 from Pakistan, four from Egypt and one from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Nepal, Tunisia, Turkey and Yemen – have worked at The Berkshire Eagle/North Adams Transcript, Los Angeles Times, The New York Times, ProPublica, San Francisco Chronicle, Houston Chronicle, Huffington Post (DC bureau), and The Wall Street Journal (Atlanta, New York and DC bureaus).

The fellowship program begins in March with a two-week orientation seminar in Washington, DC 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 for a week to attend seminars focused on writing, editing, multimedia reporting and investigative reporting/Computer Assisted Reporting. A final seminar in Washington reunites the fellows and allows them to compare and evaluate their experiences and discuss their impressions of the American media. Fellows return to their home countries in late August to begin sharing their knowledge and skills with colleagues, editors and publishers in their home newsrooms.

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.