

## Alfred Friendly Press Fellowship 2024 Application

Alfred Friendly Press Partners has brought nearly 400 journalists from 90 countries to the US for journalism training for 40 years.

We are changing our training in 2024 because autocracy has created significant challenges for journalists worldwide.

In June 2024, Alfred Friendly Press Partners is planning a month-long training program at the Missouri School of Journalism for journalists in exile in the U.S.

The program is looking to build skills and resiliency in these areas: Security, Legal, Journalism and Climate.

Beyond the training, our goal is to create community amongst a diverse group of journalists facing many similar obstacles. One topic – the psychosocial aspects of exile – will be embedded throughout many of our conversations, beginning the first day.

**We will be selecting 10 fellows and two backups** in case someone must cancel.

Essential expenses – housing, food, transportation – will be covered. English proficiency will be required. All finalists will be interviewed by the selection committee.

If you are interested in our program, please fill out this application. Once completed, please send it to: [smithrandall@missouri.edu](mailto:smithrandall@missouri.edu)

**Deadline for submitting the application is midnight, January 15, 2024.**

**We are offering an encrypted system to send in the application. Please email me and I'll provide the details directly to you.**

One last word: *Applicants may find that they can't answer some of these questions due to their exile. If that's so in your case, please do not let this discourage you. Simply tell us in a few sentences the reasons that you are unable to provide the information.*

Reach out if you have any questions.

RANDALL D. SMITH  
PRESIDENT, ALFRED FRIENDLY PRESS PARTNERS

### Application Form

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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FIRST/GIVEN NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
MIDDLE NAME(S)

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FAMILY/LAST NAME  MALE  FEMALE

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HOME ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS)

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS:

HOME  WORK

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

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HOME TELEPHONE

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
CELLULAR OR OTHER TELEPHONE

(MONTH) \_\_\_(DAY) \_\_\_(YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH

\_\_\_\_\_  
PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY AND COUNTRY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOME FAX

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTRY/COUNTRIES OF CITIZENSHIP (LIST ALL)

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PREFERRED PRONOUN

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 ANY LEGAL CASES CURRENTLY AGAINST YOU PERSONALLY? IF YES,  
PLEASE GIVE A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE OR CASES

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II. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (IF NOT WORKING AS A JOURNALIST, PROVIDE YOUR LATEST AND MOST CURRENT WORK AS A JOURNALIST OR FREELANCER.)

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EMPLOYER (NEWS OUTLET)

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YOUR CURRENT TITLE/POSITION

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LENGTH OF TIME WITH THIS TITLE/POSITION

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WORK ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS)

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WORK TELEPHONE

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

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TOTAL YEARS WITH THIS EMPLOYER

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WORK E-MAIL ADDRESS (95% OF CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE THROUGH E-MAIL, ENCRYPTED OR OTHERWISE)

DO YOU SUPERVISE STAFF? HOW MANY?

YES  NO

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YOUR NEWS ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEWSROOM STAFF: \_\_\_\_\_

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YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR'S NAME/TITLE

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

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LANGUAGE YOU WRITE COPY/BROADCAST IN

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ORGANIZATION'S OWNERSHIP (PRIVATE, GOVERNMENT OR MIXED)

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CIRCULATION (#COPIES)/ VIEWERSHIP PER

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DAY/WEEK/MONTH

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE IN JOURNALISM:

START DATE (M/Y) END DATE (M/Y) PUBLICATION/ORGANIZATION TITLE

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III. EDUCATION, TRAVEL AND INTERESTS

SECONDARY EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

START-END DATES DEGREE OR SUBJECT INSTITUTION LOCATION

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WHERE AND FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU STUDIED ENGLISH? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

TYPE OF VISA

DATES COUNTRY/COUNTRIES PURPOSE OF VISIT (U.S. TRAVEL ONLY)

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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.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT AND SIGN IN PEN)

DATE:

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED RECOMMENDATION DIRECTLY TO PRESS PARTNERS (BY EMAIL). THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS FORM IS JANUARY 15, 2024 AT MIDNIGHT.  
SEND TO: [smithrandall@missouri.edu](mailto:smithrandall@missouri.edu)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTRY

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

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NAME

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
NEWS OUTLET

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

WORK TELEPHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE

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

The person listed above is applying for a one--month working journalism fellowship. He/she 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 notwritten in English originally.

COMMENTS: (4600 CHARACTERS MAX.)

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NAME

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
NEWS OUTLET

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HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?

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WORK TELEPHONE

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SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTRY

EMPLOYER'S ENDORSEMENT

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTRY

I ENDORSE THIS APPLICANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PRESS PARTNERS PROGRAM FROM APRIL THROUGH JUNE 2021.

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.

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NAME PROFESSIONAL TITLE E-MAIL ADDRESS  
PUBLICATION/ORGANIZATION WORK TELEPHONE  
SIGNATURE DATE  
WORK FAX

A guide to filling out the 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. Applications should be sent to: [smithrandall@missouri.edu](mailto:smithrandall@missouri.edu).

**Deadline for applications is January 15, 2024, at midnight.**

- **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 during 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 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.
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    1. **Required Reference #1** must be written by the publisher, editor, manager or director of your news organization. (Freelancers' references can be from an editor at an outlet where they are published.)



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 one-month leave of absence should you be chosen. (Freelancers exempt)
- **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.