

"Reporting the under-reported Stories" Fellowship 2017 Call for applications

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International Alert and Federation of Nepali Journalists are implementing EU funded project "Right to Voice: Promoting media freedom of expression in Nepal". The project is being implemented in Sunsari, Parsa, Rupandehi, Banke, Kailali and Kathmandu. As a part of the project, the consortium is calling for applications for its "Reporting the under-reported Stories" Fellowship from journalists writing on or are interested to write on emerging socio-political and developmental issues from marginalized perspective.

The fellowship will be provided to 20 journalists and aims to promote in-depth reporting on topics of pressing concern, particularly those that relate to Nepal's socio-political and developmental discourse. In this regard, the fellowship provides individual journalists with opportunities in making a systematic inquiry and investigation into selected topics, organizing the findings and presenting the same through appropriate media outlets. Journalists are encouraged to both explore the challenges facing Nepal's marginalized communities and agendas and also bring to fore the best practices that promise new and innovative solutions to the enduring problems.

As a part of the fellowship, shortlisted journalists will be provided with three-days training on conflict sensitive media practices and investigative reporting. An editorial advisor group will also provide guidance and feedback to the selected fellows.

The fellowship is intended for mid-career journalists working in Nepali, English and other media outlets, including newspapers (daily, weekly, fortnightly or monthly), FM radio stations (community-based or private), television channels and online news portals in Nepal—open to members of both national- and local-level outlets. Before applying for the fellowship, please ensure your eligibility.

Research Agenda

Interested candidates are invited to submit a brief proposal (with proposed title, and a 100- to 300-word brief note about the story/report/article to be written under the title) to report from the perspectives of marginalized groups/communities using innovating and interesting story telling methods.

DEADLINE: May 31, 2017

Eligibility criteria

- The Fellowship is open to journalists from 6 project areas with at least three years of professional journalistic experience with newspapers, television channels, FM radio stations, online news portals and/or other news organizations.
- Freelance journalists/writers can also apply for this fellowship provided they could demonstrate documentary evidence of journalistic experience of over three years.
- Applicant must demonstrate his/her reporting and analytical skills through submitting 2 writing samples.

Terms and Conditions

- The candidate must have met all the criteria mentioned above
- All applicants must have a unique idea or topic (related to any areas listed above) for news/feature/story to be investigated, researched and published with the support of the fellowship within a fixed timeframe. This should be explained in a 100- to 300-word brief note describing the proposed topic.
- Each awardee must publish/broadcast the article/report in the relevant media outlet as per the fellowship.
- Candidates from traditionally marginalized and minority groups will be given a priority. Women journalists are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Awardees are expected to consult literature and use them in their research, reporting and writing.
- The fellowship amount will be NPR 20,000.

How to Apply?

Interested candidates may apply for the fellowship by the deadline with the following documents:

1. Fill the application form with proposed topic and a brief note (the shorter the better, max 300 words) explaining the proposed topic.
2. An updated CV not more than three pages.
3. Two samples of published/broadcast work (send only online links or scanned copies, if sent via post then send photo copies)

Send your application to nepal@international-alert.org or via regular mail to PO Box 24118, Kathmandu, Nepal by or before the deadline. Only selected candidates will be informed for further process.