FAQs: HGB Fund For Women Journalists

To learn more about the application process, please review the application guidelines.

APPLICATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED. APPLY HERE.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE FUND?

Applicants may apply for one of two different types of funding: reporting projects or professional development opportunities.

Reporting projects include journalistic work in any media format, including but not limited to print, digital, video, photography and new media. The Fund for Women Journalists will prioritize reporting projects pitched around underreported stories of global importance.

Professional development opportunities can include security training, conferences, workshops and media development initiatives such as technical skills building trainings. We encourage skills building applicants who are pitching media development initiatives to include an element of mentorship in their proposal.

We encourage applicants to consider a one-year timeline or less for completion and publication of their project – please note the average grant size is 10,000 USD. Projects with timelines longer than one year or requesting grants over \$10,000 will be considered on a limited basis.

While applicants can seek funding on any under-reported topic, in this round of funding only the IWMF has set aside a discrete pool of money for small grants that support reporting on how local communities in the United States are affected by or reacting to the flow of undocumented migrants coming from Mexico and/or Central America. Projects pitched for this opportunity need to be completed and published/produced in under a year, and have a suggested budget of no more than \$5,000.

All applications must include a detailed preliminary budget and timeline.

There are certain requests that the Fund selection committee will not consider. The Fund will not provide money to cover tuition expenses for undergraduate or graduate degree programs. Requests for assistance with equipment will be considered on a limited basis.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS THROUGH THE FUND?

- Women journalists from anywhere in the world are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must identify as women.
- Practicing journalism must be the applicants primary profession.
- Applicants must have three or more years of post-graduate professional journalism experience.
- Teams of journalists may apply, however the submission must be from a woman journalist and her team must include at least 50% women.
- Special consideration will be given to freelance journalists.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL BE GIVEN AWAY EACH YEAR?

Approximately \$230,000 will be dispersed each year. Grant sizes will depend on the proposal and the inclusion of a detailed budget.

HOW OFTEN WILL YOU DISTRIBUTE GRANTS?

There are two funding rounds each year, in January and June; applications take approximately 6 weeks from the end of the application period to process. Please keep this in mind as you design your project timeline.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FUND?

For more information about the Fund, please continue to visit the <u>IWMF website</u>, where you can sign up to receive updates about the Fund. You can also follow us through social media platforms.