



## 2012-2013 Nieman Fellowships in Global Health Reporting

The Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard welcomes your interest in applying for a Nieman Fellowship in Global Health Reporting. Before you fill out the application form that begins on page 6, please make sure you meet all the eligibility requirements listed below. Also, please read the application information on the Nieman Web site (<http://nieman.harvard.edu>); it explains the fellowship program in global health reporting in more detail. **The deadline for applications is January 31, 2012.**

If you have questions that aren't answered by this application or on the Web site, please contact Stefanie Friedhoff by e-mail at [stefanie\\_friedhoff@harvard.edu](mailto:stefanie_friedhoff@harvard.edu)

### **WHAT IS A NIEMAN FELLOWSHIP IN GLOBAL HEALTH REPORTING?**

The Nieman Foundation will award two fellowships for 2012-2013: one to a journalist from the United States and one to a non-U.S. citizen. During their Nieman year, the Global Health fellows will be part of the Nieman Class of 2013 and will participate in weekly activities at the Nieman Foundation. They will have the opportunity to study at Harvard's School of Public Health and will have access to faculty and courses across the university through the Harvard Initiative for Global Health.

At the conclusion of their year at Harvard, the global health reporting fellows will begin three to four months of journalistic fieldwork in a developing nation. The fieldwork is intended to provide an intensive learning and reporting experience in countries where the most pressing issues in global health exist. At the conclusion of the fieldwork, the fellows will be expected to produce a body of work that might include stories for publication, a case study focusing on the complex issues in global health journalism or a handbook of best practices related to reporting on health in a developing nation.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE NIEMAN FELLOWSHIP IN GLOBAL HEALTH REPORTING?**

Candidates nominate themselves by submitting an application and supporting materials. There is no age limit and no educational prerequisite for a Nieman Fellowship in Global Health Reporting.

- One fellowship will be awarded to a citizen of the United States and one to a non-U.S. citizen. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact Stefanie Friedhoff by e-mail at [stefanie\\_friedhoff@harvard.edu](mailto:stefanie_friedhoff@harvard.edu)
- You must be fluent in speaking, reading and writing English.

- You must have five or more years of full-time or freelance professional journalism experience in the news media.  
Work you have done as a university student or for a nongovernmental or governmental organization will not count toward fulfilling this requirement.
- Your professional experience must be with the news or editorial departments of newspapers, wire services, radio or television stations or networks, online publications or magazines of general interest. We will not consider candidates from public relations or organizations that do not produce general-interest news.
- Your employer must grant you a leave of absence for the academic year at Harvard and the three to four-month field work experience, a total of 13-14 months. Your employer also must state the intent of your news organization to use, as much as practical, your skills and knowledge in the coverage of global health when you return to work.

### **WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING?**

All of your application materials, including letters of recommendation, must be sent to the address at the bottom of this page and must be postmarked on or before **January 31, 2012**.

**The Nieman Foundation cannot pay customs fees or other shipping charges for your application materials.** You can avoid these costs by using the online application.

If you are mailing your application from outside the United States, please consider the length of time it takes mail from your country to reach the U.S.

If any of the information related to your application changes after you have submitted it, please notify us immediately by e-mail at [stefanie\\_friedhoff@harvard.edu](mailto:stefanie_friedhoff@harvard.edu)

**Send all application materials to    Class of 2013 Global Health Fellowship  
Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard  
One Francis Avenue  
Cambridge MA 02138-2009  
U.S.A.**

## WHAT WORK SAMPLES SHOULD I SEND WITH MY APPLICATION?

Send samples that best illustrate your interests and abilities. Your samples must have been published or aired between Jan. 1, 2011, and Jan. 31, 2012. You may submit one sample from before Jan. 1, 2011, as a substitute for one required sample. (*Note the exception below for documentary filmmakers.*) If you routinely work in more than one medium, you may submit samples from each as long as you follow the guidelines below.

If your work samples are not in English, please include a summary of their contents in English. Your supporting statements and synopses must also be in English.

All printed samples, summaries and synopses must be formatted to fit 8 1/2" x 11" (21.5 x 28 centimeters) sheets of paper. Write your name in the upper right corner of every item you submit (or on the backs of photographs). **Do not send** complete newspapers or magazines, books, scrapbooks, unpublished manuscripts, works-in-progress, irreplaceable material, elaborate presentations (for example, spiral bindings or report covers) or "creative" displays such as video presentations of still photographs. We will not accept work that does not meet these criteria.

Please clearly date all your samples and **do not send more than the requested number**. We cannot return any submitted material, so make copies of everything you send.

**Broadcast Journalists** (**Note:** If in English, submit a DVD/CD totaling 30 minutes with a synopsis)

- **Radio and Television:** Submit a written synopsis of **five** stories that are representative of your work with a brief description of your involvement in each story — for example, producing and editing.
- **Documentary:** Submit a written synopsis of your work samples and a brief description of your involvement with the works — for example, writing the script and directing. Your samples must have been broadcast or shown in a public venue in the past two years.

### Print Journalists

- **Writers:** Submit samples of five different published works. (Each byline counts as one sample.) If you send stories from a series, include a brief outline of the other stories in the series.
- **Editors:** Submit a statement describing your job. (This is in addition to your two essays.) You may include copies of published work along with a description of your role in these samples. For published work, follow the instructions for writers.
- **Photographers:** Submit a portfolio with eight samples of your work: original prints, tear sheets or a combination of both. Photographs must be 8" x 10" (20.5 x 25.5 centimeters) and may be black and white or color. Do not mount your photos.

**Online Journalists:** Submit samples equivalent to five print articles or 30 minutes of programming, along with a statement describing your job, your involvement with each sample and whether each was created for the Web or adapted from another media format. (Your statement is in addition to your two essays.) Your samples must be journalistic in nature and demonstrate that your job involves news gathering, writing, editing or producing.

## WHAT MUST MY APPLICATION INCLUDE?

- Write your name in the upper right corner of all items you submit as part of your application.
- Complete, date and sign pages 6 through 9 of this application form.
- Include work samples as described on page 3 of this application.
- Write two essays:
  - One personal statement of 1,000 words or less that describes your journalistic experience, career plans and aspirations
  - One proposal for study at Harvard of 1,000 words or less. Include in this proposal your ideas for subjects or fields of concentration in global health and how you anticipate using in your journalistic work the knowledge you gain during your Nieman year and four-month practicum. You do not need to list specific course titles and you also should not submit a plan for the fieldwork phase of the fellowship. Global Health reporting fellows will develop their plan during the Nieman year with guidance from the Nieman Foundation.

These essays are critical to your application. The Selection Committee will carefully evaluate them to understand your accomplishments, your potential and your commitment to covering global health. We are particularly interested in examples and details that show you have a significant capacity for growth and leadership as a journalist. We also want to know specifically how an academic year at Harvard and four months of fieldwork in a developing country will improve your work as a journalist covering global health.

We also require four confidential letters of recommendation:

- Two from people familiar with your work who can comment on your journalistic abilities and potential.
- One from your immediate supervisor commenting on your qualifications for this fellowship.
- One from your news organization's publisher, editor, manager or director supporting your application and granting you a 14-month leave of absence if you are awarded a fellowship. Please tell the person who writes this letter that **it must include an expression of intent to use, as much as practical, the skills and knowledge you develop in covering global health issues when you return to work.**

Freelance journalists should have four people familiar with their work write letters.

Please ask the individuals who write letters to tell us specifically how your abilities and experience make you an outstanding candidate for a Nieman Fellowship in Global Health Reporting. Letters of recommendation should be mailed directly to the **Nieman Foundation** at the address at the bottom of page 2 in time to receive a postmark on or before **January 31, 2012.**

## **Financial Considerations Class of 2013 (subject to change)**

### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR NIEMAN FELLOWS IN GLOBAL HEALTH REPORTING**

Nieman Fellows in Global Health Reporting will receive a maximum stipend of \$78,000 over a period of 13 months (less if fieldwork is only 3 months), September 2012 through September 2013, at \$6,000 per month. The first nine months will be spent studying at Harvard and the last three to four months will be spent doing fieldwork in a developing country. During the nine-month period at Harvard, families are invited to participate and a housing allowance and childcare supplement will be provided. Costs for attending classes at Harvard are also covered for fellows and affiliates.

#### **Housing Allowances**

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| • Single, married or partnered Fellow, or Fellow already living in Boston area | \$5,300  |
| • Fellow with 1 child  | \$6,800  |
| • Fellow with 2 children   | \$8,600  |
| • Fellow with 3 or more children   | \$11,200 |

#### **Childcare Allowances**

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| • 1 child age 12* or younger                         | \$5,600 |
| • 2 children ages 12* or younger                     | \$6,000 |
| • 3 children ages 12* or younger                     | \$6,400 |
| • 4 or more children ages 12* or younger             | \$7,200 |
| • Additional allowance for child 3* years or younger | \$6,400 |
- \* Age defined on 3/31 of application year.*

#### **Health Insurance Supplement\***

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| • Fellow                        | \$1,000 |
| • Each additional family member | \$250   |

*\* Provided only if employer does not contribute to insurance cost.*

During the fieldwork period, fellows will receive funding for their international travel, in-country travel, and costs related to the fieldwork. Please note that the Nieman Foundation does not cover the full cost of health insurance.



# Application for 2012-2013 Nieman Fellowship In Global Health Reporting At Harvard University

**Directions:** Fill out this form using a pen (please write clearly).

**Deadline:** Your completed application must be **postmarked on or before Jan. 31, 2012.**

Your application must include **one copy** of each of the following materials:

1. Pages 6 through 9 of this application form completed, dated and signed
2. A personal statement of 1,000 words or less that describes your journalistic experience and career plans and aspirations
3. One proposal for study at Harvard of 1,000 words or less that includes your ideas for subjects or fields of concentration in global health and how you anticipate using in your journalistic work the knowledge you gain during your Nieman year and four-month practicum
4. Samples of your professional work, following the instructions on page 3.

We also require four confidential letters of recommendation sent directly to the Nieman Foundation (see p. 4).

Send your completed application by postal mail in time to receive a postmark on or before **Jan. 31, 2012:**

Class of 2013 Global Health Fellowship Application  
Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University  
One Francis Avenue  
Cambridge MA 02138-2009 U.S.A.

<b>WHICH FELLOWSHIP ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?</b> <i>(check one)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> UNITED STATES <input type="checkbox"/> INTERNATIONAL
<b>FIRST AND FAMILY/LAST NAME</b>	
<b>CURRENT TITLE</b>	
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYER</b>	
<b>BUSINESS ADDRESS</b>	
BUSINESS ADDRESS <i>(line 2)</i>	
CITY, STATE, MAIL CODE, COUNTRY	
BUSINESS TELEPHONE	
<b>HOME ADDRESS</b>	
CITY, STATE, MAIL CODE, COUNTRY	
HOME TELEPHONE	
<b>PREFERRED E-MAIL ADDRESS</b>	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> <i>(month/day/year)</i>	
<b>COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND CITIZENSHIP</b>	
<b>U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</b>	
<b>GENDER</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED
<b>SPOUSE/PARTNER</b> <i>(name and birth date)</i>	
<b>CHILD</b> <i>(name and birth date)</i>	
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**EDUCATION: SECONDARY SCHOOL** *(Use a separate page if necessary.)*

<b>NAME OF SCHOOL</b>	
YEARS STARTED AND ENDED	
CITY AND STATE/PROVINCE	
TYPE OF DIPLOMA EARNED	

**EDUCATION: UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE SCHOOL** *(Use a separate page if necessary.)*

<b>NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY</b>	
YEARS STARTED AND ENDED	
CITY AND STATE/PROVINCE	
MAJOR AND DIPLOMA/DEGREE	
<b>NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY</b>	
YEAR STARTED AND ENDED	
CITY AND STATE/PROVINCE	
MAJOR AND DIPLOMA/DEGREE	
<b>NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY</b>	
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CITY AND STATE/PROVINCE	
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<b>NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY</b>	
YEAR STARTED AND ENDED	
CITY AND STATE/PROVINCE	
MAJOR AND DIPLOMA/DEGREE	

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY** *(for applicants whose native language is not English)*

<b>READING</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> FLUENT	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR
<b>SPEAKING</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> FLUENT	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR
<b>WRITING</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> FLUENT	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR
<b>WHERE DID YOU STUDY ENGLISH?</b> <i>(name and location of school)</i>			
<b>LIST OTHER LANGUAGES YOU READ, SPEAK AND/OR WRITE FLUENTLY</b>			

**EMPLOYMENT** *(Use a separate page if necessary. \*In U.S. dollars)*

<b>CURRENT EMPLOYER</b>	
DATE STARTED <i>(MONTH/YEAR)</i>	
TITLE AND ANNUAL SALARY *	
SUPERVISOR NAME AND TITLE	
<b>PREVIOUS EMPLOYER</b>	
DATES STARTED AND ENDED	
TITLE AND ANNUAL SALARY *	
SUPERVISOR NAME AND TITLE	
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DATES STARTED AND ENDED	
TITLE AND ANNUAL SALARY *	
SUPERVISOR NAME AND TITLE	

**ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS** *(Use a separate page if necessary. Wait two years after another fellowship, full-time course of study or sabbatical lasting four months or more to apply for a Nieman Fellowship.)*

<b>PUBLISHED WORK</b> <i>(list books, articles and other work not included elsewhere)</i>	
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS</b>	



**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** (See page 2)

<b>NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS OF PEOPLE FAMILIAR WITH YOUR WORK</b>	1.
	2.
<b>NAMES AND TITLES OF TWO PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES</b>	3.
	4.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

<p><b>HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE NIEMAN FELLOWSHIPS IN JOURNALISM?</b> (Please check all that apply.)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>ADVERTISEMENT IN JOURNALISM MAGAZINE</b> Name: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>ADVERTISEMENT IN CONVENTION OR CONFERENCE PROGRAM</b> Name: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>PRESENTATION AT CONVENTION OR CONFERENCE</b> Name: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>COLLEAGUES</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NIEMAN FOUNDATION WEB SITE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER JOURNALISM WEB SITE</b> Web address: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>LISTSERV</b> Name: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NIEMAN ALUMNI</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NIEMAN CONFERENCE</b> Name: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NIEMAN REPORTS</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>YOUR NEWS ORGANIZATION</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER</b> Please specify: _____</p>
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I submit this information in connection with my application for a Nieman Fellowship. I understand that the number and selection of fellows and their final acceptance lie entirely within the discretion of the Nieman curator and Harvard Corporation. I further understand that the Nieman Foundation requires the personal and professional character of Fellows to meet the highest standards. By signing this application, I certify that the information in my application is accurate, complete and honestly presented, and that work samples I submit represent entirely my own work. I also certify that any information submitted on my behalf is authentic. I understand and agree that any inaccurate or misleading information or the omission of information that might call into question my suitability for participation in the Fellowship program will be cause for an investigation and may lead to the rescission of an offer of admission or to discipline or dismissal if discovered at a later date. I agree to notify the Nieman Foundation immediately of any changes to information I have submitted or of any new information pertinent to this application for admission.

**SIGNATURE** (in ink) \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** (in ink) \_\_\_\_\_