Posting Title:
2012-2013 Investigative Reporting Fellowship

Departmental Overview
To help develop a new generation of investigative reporters in an era of cutbacks at major news organizations, the Investigative Reporting Program at the Graduate School of Journalism is hiring up to three fellows in investigative reporting. This is a one-year academic appointment expected to begin on September 1, 2012.

Fellows’ findings will be published or broadcast for general circulation both nationally and internationally. Fellows will be provided with office space, basic expenses and up to $10,000 in funds for approved travel as approved. No housing or relocation supplements are provided. Fellows are expected to refrain from outside journalistic projects, and to use the Berkeley offices as their base of operations during the fellowship.

The fellowships will be administered by the school's Investigative Reporting Program and selected by the program’s advisory board. The board is comprised of representatives from some of the nation's top media outlets.


Responsibilities
Fellows will, under general supervision, conduct research, manage data; write, edit, fact-check and produce project(s). Fellows will be required to submit monthly status reports.

In addition to regular interaction with the faculty of the journalism school and the instructors in investigative reporting, the fellows will participate in a weekly seminar in investigative reporting taught by Lowell Bergman and Robert Gunnison.

Qualifications
Professional background in journalism with experience in investigative reporting, be it writing, producing or editing, is required. Candidates must demonstrate a strong track record of successfully reporting on complex subjects in the public interest. Additionally, candidates must have strong organizational and coordination skills as well as the ability to self-motivate and work both productively and independently in a congenial newsroom environment. The fellowships are open to all working investigative journalists, but preference will be given to those with a master's degree in journalism from UC Berkeley or similar program.
Applicants will be chosen based on their qualifications as well as their potential and dedication to this specialized area of reporting, and on the proposed areas of investigation they intend to pursue during the yearlong program. Contributions to diversity and equal opportunity are valued in the selection process.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:
Applicants for the 2012-2013 fellowships are urged to present detailed areas of inquiry for investigative reporting projects on underreported subjects that will serve the public interest. Proposals may include print and broadcast components as well as multimedia projects for the Web and must include an estimate for travel expenses to complete a project.

Prior to submitting a proposal, it is required that all previous information in subject area be researched. Please identify specifically how your proposed project differs from its predecessors. If the subject area has not been reported on, please include this in your initial proposal (i.e. an exhaustive search of Lexis-Nexis and other databases reveals very little has been reported in this area). Please check for print, online and broadcast coverage of your subject area in the last five years.

Proposals submitted in previous years’ competitions will not be accepted.

Applications are due no later than midnight on Friday, May 18\textsuperscript{th}. Previous applicants for 2012-2013 need not reapply. In addition to the project proposal, send the following to fellowapplicant@berkeley.edu with subject line “Investigative Reporting Fellowship”:

- A cover letter outlining the story(ies) you wish to pursue, the importance of your subject(s) and your reporting strategy
- A current resume or CV
- Electronic copies of three work samples, i.e. links to video or radio samples and PDFs (not links) of print/web stories to your online proposal
- A one to two page memo summarizing media coverage of the subject you wish to cover

References
Three letters of reference are required. Original letters must be on company letterhead and mailed directly to:

Investigative Reporting Program
UC Berkeley, Graduate School of Journalism
Attn: Alisha Diego Klatt
2481 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709
Salary & Benefits
The payroll title for this position is Associate Specialist with a full time annual salary of $53,268. This appointment is eligible for full UC benefits. For information on the comprehensive benefits package offered by the University visit: http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/forms_pubs/misc/benefits_of_belonging.pdf

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