



**Woodrow Wilson Center-Washington Post Fellowship
for Latin American Journalists**

Call for Applications

The Washington Post and the Woodrow Wilson Center are pleased to announce the continuation of their program in support of print and on line investigative journalists from Latin America and Caribbean nations. The fellowship provides an opportunity to conduct three weeks of reporting concerning hemispheric relations on an issue of importance to journalists' home countries. The fellowship works as an immersion program in the political culture of the U.S. capital. Five journalists from the region will have the unique opportunity to develop sources of information, enter into direct contact with public and private institutions, and experience *in situ* how Washington operates.

This year's fellowship program builds upon the success of the programs conducted over the last two years. Since the program's inception, journalists from Brazil, Colombia, Jamaica, Mexico, and Venezuela have been awarded fellowships. Working from the newsroom of *The Washington Post*, the reporters have written articles for their home media, and *The Post's* and Woodrow Wilson Center's web pages.

We are pleased to invite applications from Latin America and the Caribbean for the 2010 fellowship competition. The fellowship will extend from September 13, 2010, through October 1, 2010. The three-week fellowship includes travel and lodging costs, plus a weekly living-expense stipend. Fellows will be given a desk in the newsroom of *The Washington Post* and access to the newspaper's reporters, editors, and research staff. The convening institutions will develop a small number of structured activities during the journalists' stay to give them exposure to newsworthy issues and key actors in the policy community. It is a requirement that the employer of the grantee keep him or her on payroll during the period of the fellowship.

A successful proposal would seek to break new ground on issues of local, national or regional importance in Latin America and the Caribbean or in its relationship with the U.S. A goal is to produce completed works for publication in the fellow's media and in their native language.

Requirements for applicants:

- Be employed by a print (daily and weekly newspapers and magazines) or online (no blogs) news media organization that regularly publishes news material and which is owned and operated independently of any government, industry, institution, association or lobbying organization;
- Be a bona fide reporter. Freelance reporters are eligible provided that: a) they have a stable relationship with a news organization that meets the criteria established in the bullet above, and b) their main source of earned income comes from their work in journalism;
- A minimum of 4 years of journalism experience;
- A strong knowledge of the English language.

Applicants should submit:

- A proposal of not more than 800 words, written in English describing their reporting project, outlining a specific set of questions or topics for an article or series of articles that would be researched during the fellowship;
- A résumé written in English;
- A maximum of three samples of published work in the original language (there is no need to translate the samples into English). Samples submitted must not exceed 1200 words per sample;
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a current editor, in English or the native language;
- The letters of recommendation must be sent by e-mail from the recommender's e-mail or directly to the address below. The subject line should read "Recommendation letter for <name of applicant>";
- A cover sheet with the full name, phone numbers, e-mail and current position of the applicant.

The complete application material should be sent to: journalism@wilsoncenter.org in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format or directly to the address below by **Friday, May 28, 2010**. All materials except the letters of recommendation should be sent in one file in the following order: cover sheet, résumé, proposal, and work samples (no links). *Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.* A selection committee drawn from the leadership of the convening institutions, along with two external experts, will select the most qualified applicants. A phone interview will be conducted in English with the finalists during the week of July 19, 2010. The five fellows selected will be announced by Friday, July 30, 2010.

Any questions may be directed to Nikki Nichols at: journalism@wilsoncenter.org.

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