



## 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 and expansion of their program in support of print and on line 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 pilot program launched in 2008. A year ago, the first group of winners from Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico conducted two weeks of investigative work, working from the newsroom of *The Washington Post*. Their articles were published in the journalists' home media, and *The Post's* and Woodrow Wilson Center's web pages on October 29, 2008.

We are pleased to be able to expand the call for applications to journalists from all of Latin America and the Caribbean and to add one more week to their stay in Washington. 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 and on [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com).

### 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);
- 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;
- 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](mailto:journalism@wilsoncenter.org) in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format or directly to the address below by **Tuesday, June 30, 2009**. *Incomplete applications as well as applications received after the deadline will not be considered.* A selection committee, drawn from the leadership of the convening institutions, and two external experts, will select the most qualified applicants. A phone interview will be conducted in English with the finalists. The five fellows selected will be announced by Monday, August 10, 2009. The fellowship will extend from September 14 through October 2, 2009.

Any questions may be directed to Nikki Nichols, fellowship coordinator, at: [journalism@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:journalism@wilsoncenter.org).

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