



MASSEY COLLEGE



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Applications are invited for the
SCOTIABANK/CJFE JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP
Massey College in the University of Toronto
September 3, 2015 to April 30, 2016

Awarded under the auspices of Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE)

Launched in 2008, the Scotiabank/CJFE Fellowship is a two-semester fellowship to be held at Massey College in the University of Toronto. The Fellowship was formed through a generous grant from Scotiabank, and is coordinated by CJFE. This year's Fellowship commences in September 2015, and will be held at Massey College, the Graduate Residential College in the University of Toronto, Canada. The program is run in tandem with the **William Southam Journalism Fellowship Program**.

The objective of the Fellowship is to enhance inter-American understanding and promote dialogue through an exploration of current issues in journalism and free expression in the Americas in an academic setting. Accommodation is provided by Massey College.

It should be noted that journalism courses are not offered as part of this program.

Awarded to a full-time journalist who has **at least seven years' experience** and is employed as a print, broadcast or online reporter or editor, the Fellowship is open to applicants from South America, Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico.

Particular consideration is given to applicants who can function and learn in an English-speaking environment. Post-secondary education is an asset but not required. Fellows are chosen for professional competence and future potential as effective and responsible journalists. Successful candidates must have employer consent for a leave of absence and undertake to rejoin the sponsoring employer for a minimum of one year at the completion of the fellowship. Fellows are expected to audit graduate or undergraduate courses and are able to use the full facilities of the University of Toronto. There are no educational prerequisites for the Scotiabank/CJFE Fellowship; Fellows do not receive credits or degrees for work done throughout the academic year.

The Scotiabank/CJFE Fellowship combines general education with concentration in at least two courses; one academic course must be taken in full and all assignments completed. In a parallel, extra-curricular program, the Fellow meets regularly with the other Journalism Fellows in informal seminars to discuss contemporary issues with personalities from a wide variety of professions.

To obtain the maximum benefit from the program, applicants agree to refrain from all professional work, including writing and broadcasting, during the period of the Fellowship. Those selected are appointed Fellows-at-Large at the University of Toronto, with all the privileges of a Senior Resident of Massey College.

The Scotiabank/CJFE Fellowship will underwrite for the two 4-month semesters (starting September 3): (1) the Fellow's monthly stipend; (2) all university costs; (3) travel expenses up to the cost of ONE economy air-fare to and from Toronto; (4) accommodation and meals; (5) travel expenses for organized trips taken during the program and (6) University Health Insurance.

Applications should include a proposal for a plan of study on an issue of choice and should note how this issue will be explored from a free-expression perspective (written in English). Also required are: a statement of the applicant's experience, samples of printed work (if possible), supporting letter from the employer, and three letters of reference (These items can be submitted in Spanish or English).

Note that there is no provision for including family members in this program.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS

The following criteria are necessary for successful candidates:

1. Applicants should be mid-career (minimum 7 years' experience) working journalists or editors in print, broadcast or online newspapers, magazines or news agencies in Latin America or the Caribbean. **Applicants with fewer than 7 years experience will not be considered for this fellowship;**
2. Applicants should be deemed by their employers to have potential for advancement and be able to show a strong commitment to free expression in their work;
3. Applicants must be able to communicate and study in English;
4. Applicants must provide assurance of resuming their employment with their employer for at least one year after completing the Scotiabank/CJFE Fellowship;
5. The employer must assure applicants of resumption of their employment upon completion of the Scotiabank/CJFE Fellowship.
6. In meeting the Fellowship's objective of dialogue between journalists in the Americas, Fellows and their media organization will be asked for feedback, within several months after their return, about the impact the Fellowship has had on the journalists' work. Fellows will be expected to provide samples of work produced as a result of the Fellowship.
7. The 2015/2016 Fellow must be prepared to begin application for a Canadian travel visa immediately upon receiving his/her official acceptance.

APPLICATION PROCESS

ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO CJFE TORONTO FOR INITIAL SCREENING.

Completed application forms together with three letters of reference, a statement of past media experience and future plans, samples of work and supporting letter from the employer must arrive at the offices of CJFE in Toronto, **by February 20, 2015.**

A selection committee, including representatives of CJFE, the University of Toronto and Massey College, will review applications and make a final decision. The successful candidate will be notified by March 20, 2015.

For further information, contact one of the following:

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Massey College: <http://masseycollege.ca/>
Canadian Journalists for Freedom of Expression: <http://www.cjfe.org>
SCOTIABANK/CJFE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM
(please print and fill out manually)

1. Name in full

First name	Middle name (s)	Family name
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2. Home address _____ Home

Telephone _____

City _____ E-mail _____

Country _____

3. Place of Work _____ Work Telephone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City & Country _____ Fax number _____

Please state the best way/time to contact you:

4. Date and country of birth _____

5. Marital status _____ 6. Sex: Male _____ Female _____

7. List in chronological order secondary school, university or other educational institution you have attended.

Institution	Years Attended	Diplomas or Degrees
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a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

8. What languages do you

a) read _____

b) write _____

c) speak _____

9. Present occupation and previous appointments:

Organization	Applicant's position	Dates of employment	Name of immediate superior
a) _____	_____	_____	_____
b) _____	_____	_____	_____
c) _____	_____	_____	_____

10. Have you ever received an overseas fellowship or bursary? If so, give details.

11. (750 words) On a separate sheet of paper, describe briefly your past media experience and your future plans **in English**. Explain why you wish to be considered for the Scotiabank/CJFE Fellowship and what course(s) of study you feel will contribute most to your professional development. Please discuss if and how the right to free expression has affected your work as a journalist. This statement will greatly assist the Committee in its choice. **Note that journalism courses are not offered as part of this program.**

12. Give the names and positions of three persons whom you are asking for letters of reference. One of these must be a letter from your managing editor or editor-in-chief and must be sent directly to the address below. Ideally, but not necessarily, a second referee would be a representative from an IFEX member organization. (For a full list of IFEX members, visit: www.ifex.org.) Ask your referees to write a frank appraisal of your ability to profit from the experience of an academic year spent at the University of Toronto, in addition to the length of time and the capacity in which they have known you. The selection committee will rely to a considerable extent on the assessment of your referees. **These letters are essential.**

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

This completed form with required essay (#11), work samples (**no more than three**) and letters of reference must be sent by mail or scanned and emailed so that they arrive no later than February 20, 2015.

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Signature of applicant _____ Date _____



ENDORSEMENT

(This section must be completed by a top executive of the applicant's employing organization such as publisher, senior general management, or senior editor.)

I am pleased to support the application of _____ for the Scotiabank/CJFE Fellowship.

_____ (name of organization) is prepared to grant him/her leave of absence without pay for a period of one academic year (September to April) in the event this application is successful.

Signature _____ Position _____ Date _____