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FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

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About the Gloria L. Negri First Amendment Institute

Named after the late trail-blazing Boston Globe journalist, the Gloria L. Negri First Amendment Institute (formerly the New England First Amendment Institute) is an annual, multi-day, intensive training program on freedom of information law and investigative reporting techniques. It is offered each year exclusively to 25 working New England journalists.

The Negri Institute is provided by the New England First Amendment Coalition. It gives editors, reporters and producers the support and training necessary to become accomplished investigative journalists, well versed in the access laws that govern today's difficult reporting landscape. Many exceptional, award-winning journalists and outstanding First Amendment attorneys give their time to make the Negri Institute an extraordinary learning experience. Presenters and fellows span print, broadcast and online media. A goal of the Negri Institute is to change the culture of journalism in New England by way of the ripple effect — our fellows are required to share what they have learned with colleagues at their media outlets.

WHO IS IT FOR? The Institute is designed for both up-and-coming and veteran print, digital and broadcast journalists working in the region. Applicants should have at least two years of professional news reporting experience and long-term plans to stay within the profession.

WHAT DOES IT COST? The 25 fellows selected for this year's Institute will attend at no cost. A limited number of scholarships are available to cover hotel and travel expenses, if necessary to attend.

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Testimonials

NEFAC taught me reporting skills I never acquired when working toward a media degree in college. Since attending the Institute, I have filled out more public records requests with more confidence. NEFAC didn't just teach me core skills. It also taught me how to be a digital-savvy journalist through data analysis and web scraping. These skills are crucial for journalists.

There is no question that NEFAC training has allowed me to better keep an eye on the public's business and hold powerful interests to account. NEFAC trainings have given me the confidence to push back on official narratives and shown me strategies I have used to pursue public information that officials have tried to shield from view.

The Institute opened my eyes to different ways stories can be shared. I also gained a variety of new skills including web scraping data, how to pitch a solid climate change story, and the rights journalists have to public records. For me, attending the classes was instrumental for my growth as an investigative journalist.

Former Institute Fellows

CONNECTICUT

2011

Richard Campbell
The Register Citizen

Jenna Cho
The Day

JC Reindl
The Day

Alexandra Sanders
New Haven Register

Julie Stagis
Hartford Courant

2012

Shawn Beals
Hartford Courant

Beau Berman
WTIC-TV

Alexander Goldstein
The Day

Kevin Litten
Republican-American

Erin Logan
WTNH

Fran Silverman
Hearst Newspapers

2013

Lisa Backus
The Bristol Press

Jenna Carlesso
Hartford Courant

Tina Detelj
WTNH

Jessica Glenza
The Register Citizen

Maggie Gordon
Hearst Newspapers

David Iversen
WTNH

Alec Johnson
Republican-American

Viktoria Sundqvist
The Middletown Press

2014

Jason Bagley
TruthInAdvertising

Kelly Catalfamo
The Day

Jennifer Swift
New Haven Register

Tess Townsend
The Day

2015

Lindsay Boyle
The Day

Suzanne Carlson
Hartford Courant

Susan Haigh
The Associated Press

Esteban Hernandez
New Haven Register

Patrick Skahill
WNPR-Connecticut

2016

Julia Bergman
The Day

Anna Bisaro
New Haven Register

Mikaela Porter
Hartford Courant

2017

Stephen Busemeyer
Hartford Courant

Jill Konopka
WVIT-Hartford

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Norwalk Hour

Martha Shanahan
The Day

2018

Skylar Frazer
New Britain Herald

Ben Lambert
New Haven Register

Barry Lytton
The Stamford Advocate

Eric Moser
The Day

2019

Kimberly Drelich
The Day

Meghan Friedmann
Hearst Connecticut

Jo Krocker
Hearst Connecticut

Justin Papp
Hearst Connecticut

2020

Tatiana Flowers
Hearst Connecticut

Peter Yankowski
Hearst Connecticut

2021

Verónica Del Valle
Hearst Connecticut

Currie Engel
Hearst Connecticut

Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

Elizabeth Regan
The Day

2022

Richard Chumney
Hearst Connecticut

Emily DiSalvo
Hearst Connecticut

Walter Smith Randolph
Connecticut Public

Sten Spinella
The Day

2023

Amy Coval
Hearst Connecticut

Ashad Hajela
Media Group

Kate Seltzer
Connecticut Public

Jared Weber
Hearst Connecticut

Media Group

MAINE

2011

Susan Cover
Maine Today

Emily Guerin
The Forecaster

Jesse Nankin
Watchdog New England

Eric Russell
Bangor Daily News

2012

Will Graff
The Forecaster

Lindsay Tice
Sun Journal

2013

Matthew Curren
WGME

David Harry
The Forecaster

2014

Jon Chrisos
CBS13/Fox23

Michael Shepherd
Kennebec Journal

2015

Jordan Bailey
Courier Publications

Nate Holst
WMTW-Portland

David Sherwood
Maine Center for
Public Interest
Reporting

2016

Matthew Daigle
Sun Journal

Stephanie Grinnell
The Republican Journal

Kyle Jones
WMTW News

Joshua Moore
Maine Center for
Public Interest
Reporting

Marina Villeneuve
Associated Press

2017

Abigail Adams
Lincoln County News

Charles Eichacker
Kennebec Journal

Callie Ferguson
The Forecaster

2018

Anne Berleant
Penobscot Bay Press

Joe Glauber
WMTW-Portland

Rachel Ohm
Morning Sentinel

Amanda Post
WGME-Portland

2019

Sarah Craighead
Dedmon
Machias Valley
News Observer

Dan Lampariello
WGME-Portland

Patty Wight
Maine Public Radio

2020

Molly Shelly
The Morning Sentinel

Terry Stackhouse
WMTW News 8

Andrea Swiedom
Sun Media

2021

Lynda Clancy
Penobscot Bay Pilot

2022

Kaitlyn Budion
Morning Sentinel

Joaquin Contreras
Sun Journal

Emily Duggan
Kennebec Journal

Sawyer Loftus
Bangor Daily News

Kay Neufeld
Sun Media Group

Vanessa Paoletta
Sun Journal

2023

Joseph Charpentier
Sun Journal

Stephanie Grindley
WGME-Portland

Norah Hogan
WMTW-Portland

Zara Norman
Morning Sentinel

Kathleen O'Brien
Bangor Daily News

MASSACHUSETTS

2011

Keith Eddings
Eagle-Tribune

Jim Haddadin
Arlington Advocate

Laura Hutchinson
WWLP 22News

Lyle Moran
Lowell Sun

David Riley
MetroWest Daily News

Rory Schuler
Taunton Daily

Matthew Stout
The Enterprise

2012

Alex Bloom
The Enterprise

George Brennan
Cape Cod Times

Deirdre Fernandes
The Boston Globe

David Eisenstadter
The Transcript

Sarah Favot
Lowell Sun

Martine Powers
The Boston Globe

Former Institute Fellows

Patrick Ronan Patriot Ledger	2016	Haven	Peter O'Neil Needham Observer	2016
Shaun Sutner Worcester Telegram & Gazette	Zeninjor Enwemeka WBUR	Orecchio-Egresitz Berkshire Eagle	Julian E.J. Sorapuru The Boston Globe	Peter Biello New Hampshire Public Radio
Ryan Walsh WWLP 2013	Jordan Frias Boston Herald	2020	<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u>	Tim Camerato Valley News
Doug Fraser Cape Cod Times	Phil Marcelo Associated Press	Dusty Christensen Daily Hampshire Gazette	2011	Meghan Foley The Keene Sentinel
Wes Lowery The Boston Globe	Tom Relihan The Recorder	Vernal Coleman The Boston Globe	Joseph Cote Nashua Telegraph	Allie Morris Concord Monitor
Joshua Miller The Boston Globe	Susan Spencer Worcester Telegram & Gazette	Jessica Hill Cape Cod Times	Mark Davis Valley News	Ella Nilsen Concord Monitor 2017
Shawn Musgrave MuckRock	Gerry Tuoti Gatehouse Media	Jennifer Huberdeau The Berkshire Eagle	2012	Caitlin Andrews Concord Monitor
Neena Pathak Schuster Institute	2017	Lucia Maffei Boston Business Journal	Maggie Cassidy Valley News	Allison DeAngelis Eagle-Tribune
Neal Simpson The Patriot Ledger	Collin Binkley Associated Press	Samantha Mercado Patch.com	Maryalice Gill Nashua Telegraph	Casey McDermott New Hampshire Public Radio
Schuyler Velasco Christian Science Monitor 2014	Amanda Drane Berkshire Eagle	Dasia Moore The Boston Globe	Meg Heckman Concord Monitor	Paige Sutherland New Hampshire Public Radio 2018
Sean F. Driscoll Cape Cod Times	Melissa Hanson MassLive	Shira Stoll NBC 10 Boston	Annmarie Timmins Concord Monitor 2013	Breanna Edelstein The Eagle Tribune
Beryl Lipton MuckRock	Brad Petrishen Worcester Telegram & Gazette	Julia Taliesin Somerville Journal 2021	Todd Bookman NH Public Radio	Sierra Hubbard The Keene Sentinel
Priyanka McCluskey The Boston Globe	Greg Ryan Boston Business Journal	Dugan Arnett The Boston Globe	Sarah Brubeck Valley News	Meg McIntyre The Keene Sentinel 2019
Alexa Mills The Boston Globe	2018	Greta Jochem The Berkshire Eagle	Christopher Garofolo Eagle Times	Hadley Barndollar Portsmouth Herald
Alex Ruppenthal Medford Transcript	Sarah Betancourt Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism	Anastasia Lennon New Bedford Light	Kathryn Marchocki Union Leader	Paul Cuno-Booth The Keene Sentinel
Eli Sherman Waltham News Tribune 2015	Michael Bonner The Standard Times	Alex Newman Patch	Kaitlin Mulhere The Keene Sentinel 2014	Mary McIntyre New Hampshire Public Radio
Samantha Allen Worcester Telegram & Gazette	Lisa Creamer WBUR-Boston	Emma Platoff The Boston Globe	Emily Corwin NH Public Radio	Leah Willingham Concord Monitor 2020
Jonathan Dame GateHouse Media	Dialynn Dwyer Boston.com	Tiana Woodard The Boston Globe	Alyssa Dandrea The Keene Sentinel	Olivia Belanger The Kenne Sentinel
Nicole Dungca The Boston Globe	Jennifer Lu Independent	2022	Nora Doyle-Burr Valley News	Madeline Hughes The Eagle-Tribune
Jenna Fisher GateHouse Media	Angela Rowlings Boston Herald	Marco Cartolano Worcester Telegram & Gazette	Peter McGuire Forecaster Newspapers	Alexander LaCasse Seacoast Media Group 2021
Allison Manning Boston.com	Bridget Turcotte The Daily Item	Audrey Cooney Fall River Herald News	Kerry Miller Eagle Times 2015	Julia Furukawa New Hampshire Public Radio
Jordan Mayblum Wellesley Townsman	Grant Welker Worcester Business Journal	Samantha Gross The Boston Globe	Jeremy Blackman Concord Monitor	Amanda Gokee New Hampshire Bulletin
Jan Ransom The Boston Globe	2019	Faith Imafidon Boston Neighborhood Network Media 2023	Megan Doyle Concord Monitor	
	Amanda Burke Fall River Herald News	Toni Caushi Worcester Telegram & Gazette	Rob Wolfe Valley News	
	Jo C. Goode Fall River Herald News	Theresa Gaffney STAT		
	Zoe Greenberg The Boston Globe			
	Gal Tziperman Lotan The Boston Globe			

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Cassidy Jensen Concord Monitor	Steph Machado WPRI-Providence	Nina Sparling The Public's Radio	2016	2021
Jordan Phelan Eagle Times	2016	Zane Wolfgang Newport Daily News	Burlington Free Press	Dom Amato WCAX-Burlington
Jack Rooney Keene Sentinel	Jacqueline Tempera Providence Journal	2023	Colin Flanders The Essex Reporter and Colchester Sun	Jack Lyons VT Digger
2022	2017	Colleen Cronin ecoRI	Stephanie Gorin NBC5-Vermont	2022
Ryan Spencer Keene Sentinel	Kate Bramson Providence Journal	Savana Dunning The Newport Daily News	Katie Jickling The Herald	April Barton Burlington Free Press
Michaela Towfighi Concord Monitor	Susan Campbell WPRI-Providence	Cheryl Hatch The Public's Radio	Elizabeth Murray Burlington Free Press	Kevin Gaiss WCAX
2023	Derek Gomes Newport Daily News	Alexandra Leslie WPRI-Providence	2017	Michael Hoey-Lukakis WVNY/WFFF
Jamie Costa Concord Monitor	Diana Pinzon WPRI-Providence	Stella Lorence Woonsocket Call	Alicia Freese Seven Days	Lilly St. Angelo Burlington Free Press
Hunter Oberst The Keene Sentinel	2018		Tommy Gardner Stowe Reporter	2023
Olivia Richardson New Hampshire Public Radio	Brian Amaral Providence Journal	<u>VERMONT</u>	Hilary Niles Independent	Sophia Buckley-Clement Rutland Herald
	Parker Gavigan WJAR-Cranston	2011	Adam Silverman Burlington Free Press	Corey McDonald Vermont Community Newspapers
<u>RHODE ISLAND</u>	Kim Kalunian WPRI-Providence	John Briggs Burlington Free Press	Greg Sukiennik New England Newspapers	Katy Savage Mountain Times
2011	2019	Anne Galloway Vermont Digger	2018	Megan Stewart Burlington Free Press
Amanda Milkovits Providence Journal	Jessica Botelho WJAR-Cranston	Shay Totten Seven Days	Catherine Buni Independent	
David Scharfenberg Providence Phoenix	Laura Damon The Newport Daily News	2012	Staci DaSilva WFFF-Burlington	<u>REGIONAL</u>
Karen Ziner Providence Journal	Hannah Dickison WPRI-Providence	Dan D'Ambrosio Burlington Free Press	Xander Landen VTDigger	2021
2012	Nadine Maya Sebai The Public's Radio	Jennifer Cleveland Caledonian-Record	2019	Maya Ergas Shwayder New England Public Media
Lynn Ardit Providence Journal	2020	Andrew Stein Vermont Digger	Liam Elder-Connors Vermont Public Radio	Kyle Stucker Gannett New England
Ian Donnis Rhode Island Public Radio	Madeleine List Providence Journal	2013	Christopher Mays Brattleboro Reformer	
Kathleen Mulvaney Providence Journal	2021	Nathan Burgess Stowe Reporter	Alex Nuti-de Biasi Journal Opinion	<u>STUDENT</u>
2013	Jeremy Bernfeld The Public's Radio	Olga Peters The Commons	Orrin Schonfeld WPTZ-Burlington	2023
Bill Malinowski Providence Journal	Lauren Clem The Valley Breeze	Jennifer Reading WCAX	Cat Viglienzoni WCAX-Burlington	Susan Azizi Salve Regina University
Mark Reynolds Providence Journal	Sarah Guernelli WPRI-Providence	2014	2020	Noble Brigham Brown University
2014	Rachel Nunes Patch	Taylor Dobbs Vermont Public Radio	Devin Bates Local 22/44	Lauren Drapeau University of Rhode Island
Randal Edgar Providence Journal	Amy Russo Providence Journal	Abby Ledoux Milton Independent	Tom Garris WPTZ NBC 5	Tyler Jackman Rhode Island College
Paul Grimaldi Providence Journal	2022	Allison Teague The Commons	Anna Merriman Valley News	
Janine Weisman Newport Mercury	Temi-Topé Adeleye WJAR	2015	Christopher Ross Addison County Independent	
2015	Wheeler Cowperthwaite	April Burbank Burlington Free Press	Tiffany Tan Bennington Banner	
Jennifer Bogdan Providence Journal	Jacqueline Gomersall	Lola Duffort Rutland Herald		
Alex Kuffner Providence Journal	WPRI	Lesley Engle Fox44/ABC22		
		Courtney Lamdin Milton Independent		

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FIRST AMENDMENT INSTITUTE

The Gloria L. Negri First Amendment Institute will select 25 journalists — including editors, reporters and producers — to attend a multi-day training course on freedom of information laws and investigative techniques from Oct. 20-22. To be eligible, an applicant must be a working journalist in print, digital or broadcast media in New England. The Institute is designed for both relatively new and veteran journalists who have at least two years of professional news reporting experience and long-term plans to stay within the profession. Applicants working for a news organization must submit letters of recommendation from their current editors or supervisors, along with the application and required attachments. One additional recommendation from a former editor or supervisor is optional. Self-employed applicants may submit recommendations as described below. Broadcast journalists should submit their stories via links if possible and through other arrangements made with NEFAC if not possible.

To apply, please submit the documents listed below. Please also fully answer the following questions, restating the question in your answer.

- (1) Describe why you would like to attend the Institute. What do you hope to take away from the program? What do you hope to add to the program?
- (2) Describe a problem you have encountered while investigating a story and how you reacted to it. Do you think attending the Institute might help you with similar difficulties in the future? If so, how?
- (3) Describe what you believe is your best asset as a journalist. Please tell us what you feel has been your greatest success as a journalist.
- (4) Tell us how you would spread the knowledge you gain at the Institute to others in your news organization.
- (5) The Institute is designed for professional journalists, with different levels of experience, who are committed to continue working in journalism after the Institute. What skills do you hope to acquire during the Institute to help your journalism career over the next several years?
- (6) Have you applied to or attended the Institute in a previous year?
- (7) If you are selected as a fellow for this year's Institute, will your attendance be contingent on the availability of a scholarship to cover all or part of your travel and hotel accommodations?

Required Documents

- (1) Resume, including mailing address, phone number and preferred email address.
- (2) Recommendation from a current editor/supervisor or, if self-employed, a former or current editor of your freelance work. Please use the Recommendation Form included in this application.
- (3) Portfolio of your three best investigative stories. If you have not done investigative work, please attach three news-based stories that represent your best effort.

*Please submit your application, resume, portfolio and recommendation in **one single PDF file** via email on or before August 23, 2024, to justin@nefac.org. If there is no acknowledgment from NEFAC, please confirm that your application has been received.*

Recommendation Form - Deadline August 23

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Applicant Name _____

Applicant Position _____

Your Name _____

**Your Organization
and Position** _____

Phone/Email _____

Please fully answer the questions below in your letter of recommendation and attach your letter to this form.

(1) How long have you worked with the applicant, and in what capacity?

(2) How long have you known the applicant?

(3) In detail, what is your assessment of the quality of the applicant's work and the level of investigative reporting the applicant is capable of currently?

(4) Why do you believe the applicant is firmly committed to freedom of information and will use the knowledge gained through this fellowship to improve his or her reporting — as well as to help colleagues with their own reporting — during the next several years?

(5) While the three days of training and meals are covered in full by the Institute fellowship, will your organization pay the applicant's other associated costs, such as transportation and lodging?

Yes

No