

EIGHTH ANNUAL

NEW ENGLAND FIRST AMENDMENT INSTITUTE

Presented by the New England First Amendment Coalition

Fellowship Application MaterialsDeadline August 1, 2018

About the New England First Amendment Institute

WHAT IS NEFAI?

Now in its eighth year, the New England First Amendment Institute provides intensive training for 25 journalism fellows in the use of freedom of information laws and investigative techniques. In a rich and collegial environment, the fellows interact with acclaimed media lawyers and award-winning journalists and acquire knowledge designed to enhance their watchdog journalism skills. The 2018 Institute will be held Sept. 16-18 at Northeastern University in Boston.

WHO IS IT FOR?

NEFAI is designed for both up-and-coming and veteran print, digital and broadcast journalists working in New England. Applicants should have at least two years of professional news reporting experience and long-term plans to stay within the profession.

WHAT DO YOU LEARN?

Though our curriculum is often changed to reflect the evolving needs of journalists, each Institute typically includes lectures and workshops that focus on the following:

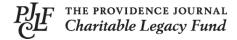
- State public records and open meetings laws
- The federal Freedom of Information Act
- Database reporting skills
- How to respond to FOI request denials and rejections
- Inspiring stories from award-winning journalists

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The 25 fellows selected for this year's Institute will attend at no cost. Light refreshments and meals are provided during the times the Institute is in session. Fellows, however, are responsible for their own travel and hotel accommodations, if needed. Local hotel rooms and shuttles will be available.

SUPPORTERS

Primary support for our Institute is generously provided by the Providence Journal Charitable Legacy Fund and Northeastern University.



Northeastern University

Other supporters of NEFAC in 2018 include:



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants are welcome to apply for a scholarship to cover all or part of their travel and hotel accommodations. Please note that scholarships are limited in number, are given based on individual need and, with the exception of the James W. Foley Scholarship (see below), are not guaranteed to be available each year.

JAMES W. FOLEY SCHOLARSHIP



A seasoned war correspondent for Boston-based GlobalPost, New Hampshire native James Foley committed himself to the truth and, in his words, "exposing untold stories." While working in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Syria, Foley reported on the lives of those disadvantaged and suffering. His barbaric death in 2014 reminded the nation of the dangers of his craft and the threats against freedom of information.

In honor of Foley, NEFAC established the James W. Foley Scholarship to provide funding for one fellow to attend the Institute without travel or lodging expenses.

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Former Fellows

2017 Jim Haddadin Jenna Fisher Peter McGuire Susan Campbell CONNECTICUT Stephen Busemeyer Arlington Advocate GateHouse Media Forecaster Newspapers WPRI-Providence 2011 Hartford Courant Laura Hutchinson **Allison Manning Kerry Miller Derek Gomes Richard Campbell** Jill Konopka WWLP 22News Boston.com Eagle Times Newport Daily News The Register Citizen WVIT-Hartford Lyle Moran Jordan Mayblum Diana Pinzon 2015 Jenna Cho Jeremy Blackman Kaitlyn Krasselt Lowell Sun Wellesley Townsman WPRI-Providence The Day Norwalk Hour **David Riley** Jan Ransom Concord Monitor JC Reindl **VERMONT** Martha Shanahan MetroWest Daily News The Boston Globe Megan Doyle The Day **Rory Schuler** Concord Monitor The Day 2016 2011 Alexandra Sanders Taunton Daily Zeninjor Enwemeka Rob Wolfe John Briggs New Haven Register MAINE WBUR **Matthew Stout** Valley News **Burlington Free Press** Julie Stagis **Anne Galloway** 2011 The Enterprise Jordan Frias 2016 Hartford Courant **Peter Biello** Susan Cover 2012 Boston Herald Vermont Digger 2012 **Shay Totten** Maine Today Alex Bloom Phil Marcelo NH Public Radio **Shawn Beals Emily Guerin** The Enterprise Associated Press **Tim Camerato** Seven Days Hartford Courant The Forecaster George Brennan Tom Relihan Valley News Beau Berman 2012 Jesse Nankin Cape Cod Times The Recorder **Meghan Foley** Dan D'Ambrosio WTIC-TV Alexander Goldstein Watchdog **Deirdre Fernandes Susan Spencer** The Keene Sentinel **Burlington Free Press** New England The Boston Globe Worcester Allie Morris Jennifer Cleveland The Day **Eric Russell David Eisenstadter** Telegram & Gazette Concord Monitor Caledonian-Record **Kevin Litten** Ella Nilsen Bangor Daily News The Transcript **Gerry Tuoti Andrew Stein** Republican-American Concord Monitor 2012 Sarah Favot Gatehouse Media Vermont Digger Erin Logan Will Graff WTNH Lowell Sun 2017 2017 2013 The Forecaster **Martine Powers** Collin Binkley Caitlin Andrews Nathan Burgess Francine Silverman **Lindsay Tice** The Boston Globe Associated Press Concord Monitor Stowe Reporter Hearst Newspapers Sun Journal Patrick Ronan **Amanda Drane** Allison DeAngelis **Olga Peters** 2013 2013 Patriot Ledger Berkshire Eagle Eagle-Tribune The Commons Lisa Backus **Matthew Curren** Jennifer Reading **Shaun Sutner** Melissa Hanson **Casey McDermott** The Bristol Press WGME Worcester MassLive NHPR WCAX Jenna Carlesso **David Harry** Telegram & Gazette **Brad Petrishen** Paige Sutherland NHPR 2014 Hartford Courant **Taylor Dobbs** The Forecaster Ryan Walsh Telegram & Gazette Tina Detelj 2014 WWLP Greg Ryan RHODE ISLAND Vermont Public Radio WTNH Jon Chrisos 2013 **Boston Business** 2011 Abby Ledoux Jessica Glenza CBS13/Fox23 **Doug Fraser** Journal Amanda Milkovits Milton Independent The Register Citizen Michael Shepherd Cape Cod Times Providence Journal **Allison Teague Maggie Gordon NEW HAMPSHIRE David Scharfenberg** Kennebec Journal Wes Lowery The Commons Hearst Newspapers 2015 The Boston Globe 2011 Providence Phoenix 2015 David Iversen WTNH Jordan Bailey Joshua Miller Joseph Cote Karen Ziner **April Burbank Courier Publications** The Boston Globe Nashua Telegraph Providence Journal **Burlington Free Press** Alec Johnson Republican-American Nate Holst Shawn Musgrave **Mark Davis** 2012 **Lola Duffort** WMTW-Portland MuckRock Valley News Lynn Arditi Rutland Herald Viktoria Sundqvist **David Sherwood** Neena Pathak Maddie Hanna Providence Journal **Lesley Engle** The Middletown Press Maine Center for Schuster Institute Concord Monitor Ian Donnis Fox44/ABC22 2014 Public Interest Neal Simpson 2012 RI Public Radio **Courtney Lamdin** Jason Bagley Reporting The Patriot Ledger **Maggie Cassidy** Kathleen Mulvaney Milton Independent TruthInAdvertising.org 2016 Schuyler Velasco Valley News Providence Journal 2016 Kelly Catalfamo **Matthew Daigle** Christian **Maryalice Gill** 2013 Jess Aloe The Day Bill Malinowski Sun Journal Science Monitor Nashua Telegraph **Burlington Free Press** Jennifer Swift **Stephanie Grinnell** 2014 Meg Heckman Providence Journal **Colin Flanders** New Haven Register The Republican Sean F. Driscoll Concord Monitor Mark Reynolds The Essex Reporter and Tess Townsend The Colchester Sun Journal Cape Cod Times **Annmarie Timmins** The Day Providence Journal **Kyle Jones Beryl Lipton** Concord Monitor Stephanie Gorin 2014 2015 WMTW News Randal Edgar **Lindsay Boyle** MuckRock 2013 NBC5-Vermont **Katie Jickling** Joshua Moore Privanka McCluskev Todd Bookman Providence Journal The Day Suzanne Carlson Maine Center for The Boston Globe NH Public Radio Paul Grimaldi The Herald Elizabeth Murray Alexa Mills Sarah Brubeck Providence Journal Public Interest Hartford Courant Reporting The Boston Globe Valley News Janine Weisman **Burlington Free Press** Susan Haigh **Alex Ruppenthal** Marina Villeneuve Christopher Garofolo Newport Mercury 2017 The Associated Press Associated Press Medford Transcript **Eagle Times** Alicia Freese 2015 Esteban Hernandez 2017 Eli Sherman Kathryn Marchocki Jennifer Bogdan Seven Days New Haven Register **Abigail Adams** Waltham News Tribune NH Union Leader Providence Journal Tommy Gardner **Patrick Skahill** Alex Kuffner Lincoln County News **Kaitlin Mulhere** 2015 Stowe Reporter WNPR-Connecticut Samantha Allen Providence Journal **Charles Eichacker** The Keene Sentinel **Hilary Niles** 2016 Kennebec Journal Worcester Steph Machado Independent 2014 Julia Bergman Callie Ferguson Telegram & Gazette **Emily Corwin** WPRI-Providence Adam Silverman The Day Jonathan Dame NH Public Radio Anna Bisaro The Forecaster 2016 **Burlington Free Press** Alyssa Dandrea Jacqueline Tempera **Greg Sukiennik** GateHouse Media New Haven Register **MASSACHUSETTS** Providence Journal Mikaela Porter Nicole Dungca The Keene Sentinel New England 2011 The Boston Globe Nora Dovle-Burr 2017 Newspapers Hartford Courant

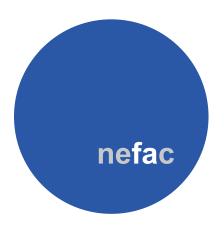
Valley News

Kate Bramson

Providence Journal

Keith Eddings

Eagle-Tribune



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Please fully answer the questions below on a separate sheet of paper, restating the question.

- (1) Describe why you would like to attend the New England First Amendment 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 NEFAI to help your journalism career over the next several years?
- (6) If you are selected as a fellow for this year's Institute, will your attendance be contingent on the availability of a scholar-ship to cover all or part of your travel and hotel accommodations?

Required Attachments

- (1) Resume
- (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 via email by August 1, 2018, to mail@nefirstamendment.org. If there is no acknowledgment from NEFAC, please confirm that your application has been received.



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Applicant Name
Applicant Position
Your Name
Your 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 spread the knowledge gained through this fellowship?
(5) While the three days of training and meals are covered in full by the Institute fellowship, is your organization willing to sponsor the applicant for other associated costs, such as transportation and lodging?
□ Yes
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