Call for Proposals: Social Justice News Nexus Fellowship
Housing, Segregation and Urban Development in Chicago
Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism

**Deadline August 30, 2015**

Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism is pleased to announce Cycle 3 of the Social Justice News Nexus Fellowship, which brings together Chicago journalists with Medill graduate students for in-depth reporting on critical urban issues.

The first cycle of the project focused on drug policy and drug treatment in Chicago, the second cycle looked at mental health care in Chicago. See stories and more from these cycles on our website, [http://sjnnchicago.org/portfolio-stories/](http://sjnnchicago.org/portfolio-stories/).

Cycle 3 of the fellowship beginning in October 2015 focuses on housing, segregation and urban development in Chicago. Public housing, changing neighborhoods, foreclosures, substandard housing, discrimination, funding and housing rights are among the realms we aim to explore, with investigative, immersive or other in-depth stories that break new ground, illuminate policy debates and frame housing as a social justice issue.

**Fellowship:** Fellows will produce an in-depth piece of journalism exploring one of these issues. We welcome projects in print, online, video, radio, photo and other creative formats. Fellows’ work will be published in multiple media outlets and on the SJNN website. Some fellows will work together on collaborative investigative projects and packages. Social Justice News Nexus staff will work closely with fellows in developing stories, and staff may also assign stories.

The fellowship is open to full-time staff journalists, freelance journalists, web publishers and community advocates with storytelling experience. Journalists working in all mediums including photo, documentary and video are all strongly encouraged to apply. Fellows will be part of the Medill community at Northwestern University, with access to journalism training opportunities.

**Schedule and stipend:** The fellowship will run from mid-October 2015 through March 2016 and include a $5,000 stipend. Fellows will work with SJNN staff to develop an individual work plan, and fellows will also be considered part of a larger team working on this issue. Fellows will attend mandatory opening and closing events and twice-monthly meetings or workshops (in the evening, downtown). Upon acceptance, fellows will sign an agreement outlining expectations and copyright issues.

**Connecting with Medill:** Fellows will mentor and work with Medill graduate journalism students. This could mean hosting a workshop, giving an informal talk to Medill students,
allowing students to shadow you on a reporting assignment or collaborating on a story. This is not a major time commitment but should be meaningful.

**Applications:** Applicants should send a resume and the completed application form to sjnnchicago@gmail.com.

**Application Deadline:** August 30, 2015. Finalists will be interviewed, and fellows will be chosen and all applicants notified by September 30, 2015.

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