Call for Proposals: Social Justice News Nexus Fellowship
Environmental and Energy Justice
Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism

Deadline Sept. 15, 2016

Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism is pleased to announce Cycle 4 of the Social Justice News Nexus Fellowship, which brings together Chicago journalists and Medill graduate students for in-depth reporting on critical 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 and the third cycle tackled housing, homelessness and segregation. See stories and more from these cycles on our website, www.sjnnchicago.org.

Cycle 4 of the fellowship beginning in mid-October 2016 focuses on environmental and energy justice. Pollution, land use, food inequities, our changing energy landscape and the impacts of climate change 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 environment and energy as a social justice issue.

Fellowship: Fellows will produce an in-depth piece of journalism exploring one of these issues and actively engage in blog and social media conversations intended to raise awareness of environmental and energy justice issues. We welcome projects in print, online, video, radio, photo and other creative formats. Fellows’ work and blog posts will be published on the SJNN website, in partnering media outlets and through targeted social media platforms. Some fellows may 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 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 2016 through April 2017 and include a $5,000 stipend. Fellows will work with SJNN staff to develop an individual work plan, and will 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 students:** Fellows will have an optional opportunity to 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.

**Applications:** Applicants should send a resume, the completed application form and two work samples (as links or documents) to sjnnchicago@gmail.com. Label each document with last name and SJNN Application, Resume, Work Samples. For example, Smith_SJNN Application; Smith.Resume; Smith_WorkSamples (or Smith_WorkSample1).

**Application Deadline:** September 15, 2016. Finalists will be interviewed, and fellows will be chosen and all applicants notified by October 15, 2016.

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