Application Information: The 2012 Media Policy Fellowships
Internews-sponsored fellowships available for Annenberg-Oxford Summer Institute on Global Media Policy

Twelve fully-funded fellowships to attend the 14th annual Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute are being made available to well-qualified applicants from around the world.

Sponsored by Internews, an international media development non-profit organization, the Media Policy Fellowships include tuition, housing, travel and per diem to attend the two-week Annenberg-Oxford Summer Institute on Global Media Policy, June 18-29, 2012 at Oxford University in the United Kingdom. The fellowships are targeted towards individuals working on issues of media law, policy and regulation, particularly from post-conflict societies. This is the third year that Internews fellowships have been available.

The Annenberg-Oxford Summer Institute is organized by the Center for Global Communication Studies (CGCS) at the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg School for Communication, and the Programme for Comparative Media Law and Policy (PCMLP) at the University of Oxford.

Every year, the Summer Institute brings together emerging scholars and regulators to discuss important recent trends in technology, international politics, development, and media policy. This unique program offers high level, professional training and discussion for lawyers and other media advocates by international experts in a variety of subjects. It provides an invaluable opportunity for network-building by allowing participants to meet with their counterparts in other countries working through similar issues; countries represented at previous summer institute include Thailand, Kenya, China, Brazil, Egypt, Nigeria, Jordan, Italy and Bosnia, among others.

Applications for the Internews Media Policy fellowship are welcome from individuals with diverse backgrounds, including researchers and those working with NGOs, government bodies, and regulatory agencies. We especially encourage applications from lawyers and others working on issues of immediate, practical concern to media law and policy in their countries.

The seminars will focus on several key areas, including media governance in India and China and strategic communication in conflict and post-conflict and transitional environments, particularly in the Middle East and Africa. At the same time, the successful curriculum that has been the foundation of the program over the years will continue, with sessions covering global media policy issues such as media and economic/social development, freedom of information, internet regulation and convergence. Part of the course will be devoted to new developments in comparative approaches to regulation, looking at Ofcom in the UK and other agencies, including examples from the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

The seminar brings together a wide range of participants from around the globe and provides them with an environment in which significant policy issues are seriously discussed. The deadline to apply for the Summer Institute and the Fellowship is March 31, 2012. Interested individuals can apply online through the CGCS web site*, indicating in the ‘funding preferences’ section that you would like to be considered for the Fellowship.

*All Bosnian-Herzegovinian nationals should not apply using the online application, but should click here instead for additional information about the Internews Network’s Strengthening Independent Media in BiH Project Civic Media Fellowships.