

Overview

Guidelines

FIRE provides two programs:

- [Virtual Newsroom](#)—various reporting services, including grants for reporting
- [Editorial Consultancy](#)—an hour-long consultation with FIRE's editor

This application is only for a FIRE [Editorial Consultancy](#). To apply for or learn about the Virtual Newsroom, please visit [FIRE Guidelines and Application](#).

The following application for a FIRE [Editorial Consultancy](#) should take a minimum of about five minutes to complete.

Note: In order to save your responses as you go, you must use the same browser on the same computer. Otherwise, you will lose your responses.

To complete your FIRE [Editorial Consultancy](#) application, you must answer the questions below—and subsequently upload required documents—by [June 12, 2019](#). You will find detailed instructions below, and on FIRE's Guidelines and Application page. For additional help, please email application@firenewsroom.org.

Identity

Identity (confidential: for internal purposes only)

Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Residential Zip Code

Journalistic Status

IRE Membership

**Are you currently a member of Investigative Reporters & Editors (IRE)?
Membership is not necessary to apply, but will be required in order to receive services.**

Yes

No

Current Work

Are you currently working as a freelance reporter?

Yes

No

Affiliation

Are you currently affiliated with any newsroom, news site, or journalism organization that publishes, broadcasts, posts, or otherwise disseminates journalistic content?

Yes

No

You answered that you are affiliated with an outlet. Briefly describe the relationship, indicating any duties, pay, or privileges involved, e.g., use of newsroom facilities or other services or resources.

Schedule and Income

Do you supplement your freelance reporting with other sources of income?

Yes

No

If yes, from what source? (Note: you will not be disqualified by your answer to this question)

Journalism-related work: part-time

Journalism-related work: full-time

Non-journalism-related work: part-time

Non-journalism-related work: full-time

Family/spouse support

Other (elaborate)

Experience

Experience: INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (including as staffer)?

0-2 years

3-4 years

5-9 years

10-20 years

Greater than 20 years

Experience: FREELANCE REPORTING

0-2 years

3-4 years

5-9 years

10-20 years

Greater than 20 years

Where has your work appeared? Where none, please enter N/A in the box.

Outlet #1

Outlet #2

Outlet #3

Medium

Please list the medium you normally work in. You may list multiple options.

Print newspaper (includes website)

Print magazine (includes website)

Radio

TV

Photojournalism

Documentary film

Video

Website only

Multi-media or multi-platform

Other (theater, song, poetry, cartoon, etc.)

Additional Considerations

Gender?

Male

Female

Other

Do not wish to disclose

How do you define your ethnicity and or race? Please select one or more categories.

Hispanic, Latino/a or Spanish

Black/African

Native American

White/European

Native Hawaiian

Asian

Pacific Islander

Indigenous (non-North America)

Do not wish to disclose

Other

Please add anything else about your work experience or background, including anything personal that you see as relevant to your work experience or your project. (e.g., nationality, identity, cultural background, socioeconomic background, etc.)

Current or Future Project

Subject Matter: Investigative Role

Please answer the following questions about your work.

How important a role does investigative reporting play in your work?

1 -Not at all
Important

2

3

4

5 - Extremely
Important

Subject Matter: Topic

Please check the primary subject matter of your work. Choose only one. You may list custom choices in the “Other” category.

Health

Government corruption

Corporate corruption

Financial

Environment

National security

Criminal justice

Immigration

Civil rights/human rights

Economic development/income inequality

Conflict/war

Other

Setting or Geographic Coverage

Does any portion of your work involve first-hand reporting outside of the U.S.?

Yes

No

Anything else you'd like to add.

Please note: Once you complete this questionnaire you must upload a resume, three work samples, and a one-page story proposal, which you would do from FIRE's Uploads Page. [All application materials must be received by June 12, 2019.](#)

Time Sensitivity

If your request for FIRE services has a particular urgency or deadline, please indicate below. We would do our best to refer you for support elsewhere in a timely manner.

If you select "Yes," you will be asked for a brief elaboration. Once you elaborate, the survey will close. And if you select "No," the survey will close. Once the survey is closed, you will not be able to change answers.

[At the close of the survey, you will see a confirmation statement \(if a Qualtrics ad blocks the statement, simply click the link on the upper left of the page to return to it\). The statement will provide a link to the FIRE Uploads Page, where you may complete your application.](#)

Is your request time sensitive?

Yes

No

Below please briefly describe the time sensitivity, specifying to which service or need it applies:

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