

Overview

Guidelines

FIRE provides two services—a [Virtual Newsroom](#) (for full service and grants), and an [Editorial Consultancy](#) (for an hour-long consultation with FIRE's editor). This application is for the Virtual Newsroom. For an application to the FIRE Editorial Consultancy or more information, please visit FIRE [Guidelines and Application](#).

Introduction

The following FIRE [Virtual Newsroom application](#) should take a minimum of about 10-15 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 Virtual Newsroom application, you must answer the questions below—and subsequently upload required documents—by [June 12, 2019](#).

For more information, please visit FIRE's [Guidelines and Application](#) page. If you need any additional help, please email application@firenewsroom.org.

Are you seeking support to develop a specific story you have in mind? If you answer yes, you will be asked about it below. If you answer no, you will be exiting from this survey but will be encouraged to apply to FIRE's [Editorial Consultancy](#).

Yes

No

Block 2

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? You will not be disqualified by your answer to this question.

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?

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? Please list up to 3 outlets or institutions that have run your work: Where none, please enter N/A in the box.

Outlet #1

Outlet #2

Outlet #3

Medium

Please list the medium for your story. 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.)

Subject Matter: Investigative Role

How important a role does investigative reporting play in your story you're proposing?

1 - Not at all
Important

2

3

4

5 - Extremely
Important

Subject Matter: Topic

Please check the primary subject matter of your story. Please 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 project or work involve first-hand reporting outside of the U.S.?

Yes

No

Type of Reporting

Characterize the extent to which the story you propose is data-driven or dependent on statistical analysis and computer-assisted reporting:

Not At All

Somewhat

Mostly

Virtually All

Reporting Expenses

What total reporting expenses (travel, etc., not compensation for time) would you estimate that this project will require?

\$0-\$1,999

\$2,000-4,999

\$5,000-\$9,999

\$10,000-\$19,999

More than \$20,000

By your best estimate, what percentage of your reporting expenses have you already secured (e.g., by grants, crowdsourcing, fellowships, story fee, etc.)? Please drag the bar to the correct percentage:

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Percentage of reporting expenses covered

Have you applied elsewhere for grant support for this story? (Note: outside support is encouraged, but is not required)

Yes

No

Please check which, if any, organizations you've considered applying to for support on this story, and the status of your request? Please fill out each row. To leave an "Other" box blank, click "Do Not Intend to Apply."

	Do not intend to apply	Intend to apply	Have applied, awaiting response	Have applied, received support	Have applied, did not receive support
Fund for Investigative Journalism (FIJ)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Investigative Fund of the Nation Institute	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
McGraw Business Journalism Fellowship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
IRE Freelance Fellowship / Grant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alicia Patterson Fellowship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Services Desired

In this section you choose the services that would help you report your story. For more information on choosing services, visit FIRE's Guidelines and Application page.

How much do you need the following services for your story? Rate any category that applies.

	1 -Not at all Important	2	3	4	5 - Extremely Important
Editing early stages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Editing late stages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research requests (e.g., LexisNexis)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Freedom of Information Act requests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transcription assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data entry assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Story placements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fact checking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal review	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indemnification	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mutually agreeable contract provisions (e.g., copyright, indemnification)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice on additional grants or funding sources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are you interested in professional training on editorial or business topics?

- Yes
- No

Training topics that would interest you most:



If your story is not selected for the Virtual Newsroom, would you like to be considered for FIRE's other service, the Editorial Consultancy, a one-hour funding and editorial consultation with the FIRE director?

Yes

No

Maybe, will decide later if necessary

Once you complete this questionnaire, you will need to upload a resume, three work samples, and a one-page story proposal. You must first complete this questionnaire before you upload the attachments, 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:



Survey Closing Statement/Confirmation Notice

To exit the questionnaire, please click the forward arrow below. To complete the rest of your FIRE application, please upload the required documents. For directions and the link to the Uploads page, see FIRE's Guidelines and Application page—or simply link from the confirmation statement. Thank you.

Report Abuse