

## The AMWAJ Fellowship Program for Journalists

### Selection Criteria

The following selection criteria are designed to identify a promising, motivated and skilled journalist who can significantly contribute to AMWAJ's mission of providing impactful content on Mediterranean ecosystems.

### Professional experience and background:

**Journalistic credentials:** Accredited, freelance and aspiring journalists with a demonstrable portfolio of work on sustainability, climate change, water and energy issues.

**Multimedia Skills:** Experience with multiple multimedia formats (text, video, photography, podcasts) is highly desirable.

**Regional Knowledge:** In-depth understanding of socio-political and environmental issues in the Mediterranean region, particularly in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries.

### Quality of the story proposal:

**Relevance to sustainability:** The proposed story should focus on human-induced climate change and local solutions and approaches to sustainability.

**Innovative and impactful approach:** The pitch should offer new perspectives, present underreported issues, and propose actionable solutions to engage audiences in climate solutions.

**Multimedia Integration:** Preference will be given to proposals that incorporate multiple formats to tell a cohesive and engaging story.

### Language Skills:

**Language Proficiency:** Proficiency in one of the accepted languages (English, Arabic, French, Turkish, Greek). The ability to communicate and produce content in one of these languages is essential. **Multilingual Ability:** Additional language skills within the accepted languages are a plus and enhance the ability to reach a broader audience.

### Commitment and Availability:

**Content Inclusivity:** Special consideration will be given to stories that highlight issues of equity, inclusion, and the impact of climate change on vulnerable populations.

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Support for Women and Minority Journalists: Preference will be given to applications from women, minority and LGBTQ+ journalists to encourage diverse voices in sustainability journalism.

**Impact and Dissemination:**

Potential for high impact: The proposed story should have the potential to reach and engage a broad audience, driving awareness and action on sustainability issues.

Networking and Collaboration: Ability to leverage personal and professional networks to increase the story's reach and impact.

**Financial and Logistical Feasibility:**

Budget Management: Ability to efficiently manage the stipend provided and travel/lodging expenses.

Logistical preparedness: Practical plan for research, travel and reporting as part of the fellowship program.

**Application Review Process:**

Initial screening: Applications will be reviewed for eligibility based on the above criteria.

Detailed Evaluation: Shortlisted candidates will undergo a thorough evaluation of their proposals, professional experience, and commitment to gender, equity, and inclusion.

Selection Decision: The final selection will be made by a diverse panel to ensure a fair and balanced approach to selecting the most appropriate candidate.

Panel: Jacob Threadgould, Marta Castillo, Mariam Younes, Stuart Reigeluth

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