

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 benefit from the AMWAJ Media Fellowship as well as contribute to AMWAJ's mission of providing impactful content on Mediterranean ecosystems.

Essential requirements

- **Professional experience and background:**
 - **Journalistic credentials:** Accredited, freelance, and aspiring early-career journalists with a demonstrable portfolio of work on sustainability, climate change, water, and energy issues.
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 - **Relevance:** The proposed story should focus on climate change and local solutions and approaches to sustainability.
 - **Innovation and impact:** The pitch should offer new perspectives, present underreported issues, and propose actionable solutions to engage audiences in climate solutions.
- **Language Skills:**
 - **Language Proficiency:** The ability to communicate and produce content in one of the following languages: English, Arabic, French, Turkish, or Greek.
- **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.

Highly desirable skills

- **Multimedia Skills:** Experience with multiple multimedia formats (text, video, photography, podcasts) is highly desirable. Preference will be given to proposals that incorporate multiple formats to tell a cohesive and engaging story.
- **Regional Knowledge:** In-depth understanding of socio-political and environmental issues in the Mediterranean region, particularly in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries.
- **Multilingual Ability:** Additional language skills within the accepted languages are a plus and enhance the ability to reach a broader audience.

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

Application Review Process:

1. **Initial screening:** Applications will be reviewed for eligibility based on the above essential criteria.
2. **Detailed Evaluation:** Shortlisted candidates will undergo a thorough evaluation of their proposals, professional experience, and commitment to gender, equity, and inclusion.
3. **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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