



NEW ENGLAND FIRST AMENDMENT INSTITUTE
Presented by the New England First Amendment Coalition
October 16 -18, 2016 | Dedham, Mass.

Fellowship Application Materials
Deadline August 31, 2016

About the New England First Amendment Institute

WHAT IS NEFAI?

Now in its sixth year, the New England First Amendment Institute provides intensive training for 25 journalism fellows in the use of freedom of information laws and investigative techniques. In a rich and collegial environment, the fellows interact with acclaimed media lawyers and award-winning journalists and acquire knowledge designed to enhance their watchdog journalism skills.

WHO IS IT FOR?

NEFAI is designed for both up-and-coming and veteran print, digital and broadcast journalists working in New England. Applicants should have at least two years of professional news reporting experience and long-term plans to stay within the profession.

WHAT DO YOU LEARN?

Though our curriculum is often changed to reflect the evolving needs of journalists, each Institute typically includes lectures and workshops that focus on the following:

- State public records and open meetings laws
- The federal Freedom of Information Act
- Database reporting skills
- Security and Exchange Commission document review
- How to respond to FOI request denials and rejections
- Inspiring stories from award-winning journalists

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The 25 fellows selected for this year's Institute will attend at no cost. Light refreshments and meals are provided during the times the Institute is in session. Fellows, however, are responsible for their own travel and hotel accommodations, if needed. Local hotel rooms and shuttles will be available.

SPONSORS

Our Institute is supported each year by the generosity of many individuals and organizations. Major supporters of this year's Institute include:

PJF THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL
Charitable Legacy Fund

The Boston Globe



THE ROBERTSON FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants are welcome to apply for a scholarship to cover all or part of their travel and hotel accommodations. Please note that scholarships are given based on individual need and, with the exception of the James W. Foley Scholarship (see below), are not guaranteed to be available each year.

JAMES W. FOLEY SCHOLARSHIP



A seasoned war correspondent for Boston-based GlobalPost, New Hampshire native James Foley committed himself to the truth and, in his words, "exposing untold stories." While working in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Syria, Foley reported on the lives of those disadvantaged and suffering. His barbaric death in 2014 reminded the nation of the dangers of his craft and the threats against freedom of information.

In honor of James, NEFAI established the James W. Foley Scholarship to provide funding for one fellow to attend the Institute without travel or lodging expenses.

STAY CONNECTED

Please stay updated on NEFAI news — including speaker announcements and faculty additions — by referencing the following hashtag: **#NEFAI2016**. You can also connect with NEFAI in the following ways:

@FiveFreedoms

www.tinyurl.com/nefaclinkedin

www.facebook.com/groups/nefirstamendment

Subscribe to our mailing list to receive news alerts and the monthly NEFAI Report, featuring original reporting and a comprehensive round-up of First Amendment and FOI news from across the region: www.tinyurl.com/nefacsubscribe.

Former Fellows

2011

CONNECTICUT

Richard Campbell
The Register Citizen
Jenne Cho
The Day
JC Reindl
The Day
Alexandra Sanders
New Haven Register
Julie Stagis
Hartford Courant
MAINE
Susan Cover
Maine Today
Emily Guerin
The Forecaster
Jesse Nankin
Watchdog
New England
Eric Russell
Bangor Daily News
MASSACHUSETTS
Keith Eddings
Eagle-Tribune
Jim Haddadin
Arlington Advocate
Laura Hutchinson
WWLP 22News
Lyle Moran
Lowell Sun
David Riley
MetroWest Daily News
Rory Schuler
Taunton Daily
Matthew Stout
The Enterprise
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Joseph Cote
Nashua Telegraph
Mark Davis
Valley News
Maddie Hanna
Concord Monitor
RHODE ISLAND
Amanda Milkovits
Providence Journal
David Scharfenberg
Providence Phoenix
Karen Ziner
Providence Journal
VERMONT
John Briggs
Burlington Free Press
Anne Galloway
Vermont Digger
Shay Totten
Seven Days

2012

CONNECTICUT

Shawn Beals
Hartford Courant
Beau Berman
WTIC-TV
Alexander Goldstein
The Day
Kevin Litten
Republican-American
Erin Logan
WTNH
Francine Silverman
Hearst Newspapers
MAINE
Will Graff
The Forecaster
Lindsay Tice
Sun Journal
MASSACHUSETTS
Alex Bloom
The Enterprise
George Brennan
Cape Cod Times
Fernandes Deirdre
The Boston Globe
David Eisenstadter
The Transcript
Sarah Favot
Lowell Sun
Martine Powers
The Boston Globe
Patrick Ronan
Patriot Ledger
Shaun Sutner
Worcester
Telegram & Gazette
Ryan Walsh
WWLP
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Maggie Cassidy
Valley News
Maryalice Gill
Nashua Telegraph
Meg Heckman
Concord Monitor
Annamarie Timmins
Concord Monitor
RHODE ISLAND
Lynn Arditi
Providence Journal
Ian Donniss
RI Public Radio
Kathleen Mulvaney
Providence Journal
VERMONT
Dan D'Ambrosio
Burlington Free Press
Jennifer Cleveland
Caledonian-Record
Andrew Stein
Vermont Digger

2013

CONNECTICUT

Lisa Backus
The Bristol Press
Jenna Carlesso
Hartford Courant
Tina Detelj
WTNH
Jessica Glenza
The Register Citizen
Maggie Gordon
Hearst Newspapers
David Iversen
WTNH
Alec Johnson
Republican-American
Viktoria Sundqvist
The Middletown Press
MAINE
Matthew Curren
WGME
David Harry
The Forecaster
MASSACHUSETTS
Doug Fraser
Cape Cod Times
Wes Lowery
The Boston Globe
Joshua Miller
The Boston Globe
Shawn Musgrave
MuckRock
Neena Pathak
Schuster Institute
Neal Simpson
The Patriot Ledger
Schuyler Velasco
Christian Science Monitor
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Todd Bookman
NH Public Radio
Sarah Brubeck
Valley News
Christopher Garofolo
Eagle Times
Kathryn Marchocki
NH Union Leader
Kaitlin Mulhere
The Keene Sentinel
RHODE ISLAND
Bill Malinowski
Providence Journal
Mark Reynolds
Providence Journal
VERMONT
Nathan Burgess
Stowe Reporter
Olga Peters
The Commons
Jennifer Reading
WCAX

2014

CONNECTICUT

Jason Bagley
TruthInAdvertising.org
Kelly Catalfamo
The Day
Jennifer Swift
New Haven Register
Tess Townsend
The Day
MAINE
Jon Chris
CBS13/Fox23
Michael Shepherd
Kennebec Journal
MASSACHUSETTS
Sean F. Driscoll
Cape Cod Times
Beryl Lipton
MuckRock
Priyanka McCluskey
The Boston Globe
Alexa Mills
The Boston Globe
Alex Ruppenthal
Medford Transcript
Eli Sherman
Waltham News Tribune
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Emily Corwin
NH Public Radio
Alyssa Dandrea
The Keene Sentinel
Nora Doyle-Burr
Valley News
Peter McGuire
Forecaster Newspapers
Kerry Miller
Eagle Times
RHODE ISLAND
Randal Edgar
Providence Journal
Paul Grimaldi
Providence Journal
Janine Weisman
Newport Mercury
VERMONT
Taylor Dobbs
Vermont Public Radio
Abby Ledoux
Milton Independent
Allison Teague
The Commons

2015

CONNECTICUT

Lindsay Boyle
The Day
Suzanne Carlson
Hartford Courant
Susan Haigh
The Associated Press
Esteban Hernandez
New Haven Register
Patrick Skahill
WNPR-Connecticut
MAINE
Jordan Bailey
Courier Publications
Nate Holst
WMTW-Portland
David Sherwood
Maine Center for Public
Interest Reporting
MASSACHUSETTS
Samantha Allen
Worcester Telegram &
Gazette
Jonathan Dame
GateHouse Media
Nicole Dungca
The Boston Globe
Jenna Fisher
GateHouse Media
Allison Manning
Boston.com
Jordan Mayblum
Wellesley Townsman
Jan Ransom
The Boston Globe
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Jeremy Blackman
Concord Monitor
Megan Doyle
Concord Monitor
Rob Wolfe
Valley News
RHODE ISLAND
Jennifer Bogdan
The Providence Journal
Alex Kuffner
The Providence Journal
Steph Machado
WPRI-Providence
VERMONT
April Burbank
Burlington Free Press
Lola Duffort
Rutland Herald
Lesley Engle
Fox44/ABC22
Courtney Lamdin
Milton Independent



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The New England First Amendment Institute will select 25 journalists — editors and reporters alike — to attend a three-day intensive training course on freedom of information laws and investigative techniques from Oct. 16-18 in Dedham, Massachusetts. To be eligible, an applicant must be a working journalist in print, digital or broadcast media in New England. The Institute is designed for both relatively new and veteran journalists, however, applicants should have at least two years of professional news reporting experience and long-term plans to stay within the profession. Applicants working for a news organization must submit letters of recommendation from their current editors or supervisors, along with the application and required attachments. One additional recommendation from a former editor or supervisor is optional. Self-employed applicants may submit recommendations as described below. Broadcast journalists should submit their stories via links if possible, and on DVDs if not possible.

Please fully answer the questions below on a separate sheet of paper, restating the question.

- (1) Describe why you would like to attend the New England First Amendment Institute. What do you hope to take away from the program? What do you hope to add to the program?
- (2) Describe a problem you have encountered while investigating a story and how you reacted to it. Do you think attending the Institute might help you with similar difficulties in the future? If so, how?
- (3) Describe what you believe is your best asset as a journalist. Please tell us what you feel has been your greatest success as a journalist.
- (4) Tell us how you would spread the knowledge you gain at the Institute to others in your news organization.
- (5) The Institute is designed for professional journalists, with different levels of experience, who are committed to continue working in journalism after the Institute. What skills do you hope to acquire during NEFAI to help your journalism career over the next several years?
- (6) If you are selected as a fellow for this year's Institute, will your attendance be contingent on the availability of a scholarship to cover all or part of your travel and hotel accommodations?

Required Attachments

- (1) Resume
- (2) Recommendation from a current editor/supervisor or, if self-employed, a former or current editor of your freelance work. Please use the Recommendation Form included in this application.
- (3) Portfolio of your three best investigative stories. If you have not done investigative work, please attach three news-based stories that represent your best effort.

Please submit your application, resume, portfolio and recommendation via email by August 31, 2016, to mail@nefirstamendment.org. If there is no acknowledgement from NEFAC, please confirm that your application has been received.



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Recommendation Form
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Applicant Name _____

Applicant Position _____

Your Name _____

Your Position _____

Phone/Email _____

Please fully answer the questions below in your letter of recommendation and attach your letter to this form.

- (1) How long have you worked with the applicant, and in what capacity?
- (2) How long have you known the applicant?
- (3) In detail, what is your assessment of the quality of the applicant's work, and is the applicant capable of investigative reporting?
- (4) Do you believe the applicant is firmly committed to freedom of information and will spread the knowledge gained through this fellowship?
- (5) Is your organization willing to sponsor the applicant for the costs of attending the program (i.e. transportation plus two nights hotel stay in Dedham, Massachusetts)?

Yes

No