Fellowship in the U.S. open for applications

Region: Middle East and North Africa  
Country: Turkey, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka  
Topic: Fellowships and Awards, Print Journalism, International Experience  

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Journalists from 29 Arab and South Asian countries are eligible for a six-month fellowship in the United States that includes work experience and hands-on training. Application deadline: September 1.

The Daniel Pearl Foundation offers the Pearl Fellowships in partnership with the Alfred Friendly Press Fellowships (AFPF). The next program runs from mid-March to September 2007, beginning with a two-week orientation in Washington, D.C. The fellows then go to their host publications in the U.S. The program has selected two fellows each of the two past years.

In the middle of the program, fellows travel to St. Petersburg, Florida, to participate in a seminar on writing and editing at the Poynter Institute. At the end of the program, the fellows reconvene again in Washington for sessions that prepare them to train their colleagues in their home countries. Applicants should be 25 to 35 years old with at least three years of experience and an excellent command of English.

The fellowship honors Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal bureau chief murdered in 2002 in Pakistan. Preference goes to journalists from Pakistan, but journalists are also eligible from: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

Applications: http://www.pressfellowships.org/application.html. For more information, contact info@pressfellowships.org or visit http://www.pressfellowships.org/DPearl.html.

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