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Fellowship Application
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About the New England First Amendment Institute

WHAT IS NEFAI?

Founded in 2011, the New England First Amendment Institute provides intensive training for 25 specially selected 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 to acquire knowledge designed to enhance their watchdog journalism skills. The 2022 Institute will be held at Northeastern University in Boston from Oct. 23 to Oct. 25.

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 DOES IT COST?

The 25 fellows selected for this year's Institute will attend at no cost. A limited number of scholarships are available to cover hotel and travel expenses, if necessary to attend.

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Former Fellows

CONNECTICUT

2011
Richard Campbell
 The Register Citizen
Jenna Cho
 The Day
JC Reindl
 The Day
Alexandra Sanders
 New Haven Register
Julie Stagis
 Hartford Courant
 2012
Shawn Beals
 Hartford Courant
Beau Berman
 WTIC-TV
Alexander Goldstein
 The Day
Kevin Litten
 Republican-American
Erin Logan
 WTNH
Fran Silverman
 Hearst Newspapers
 2013
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
 2014
Jason Bagley
 TruthInAdvertising
Kelly Catalfamo
 The Day
Jennifer Swift
 New Haven Register
Tess Townsend
 The Day
 2015
Lindsay Boyle
 The Day
Suzanne Carlson
 Hartford Courant
Susan Haigh
 The Associated Press

Esteban Hernandez
 New Haven Register
Patrick Skahill
 WNPR-Connecticut
 2016
Julia Bergman
 The Day
Anna Bisaro
 New Haven Register
Mikaela Porter
 Hartford Courant
 2017
Stephen Busemeyer
 Hartford Courant
Jill Konopka
 WVIT-Hartford
Kaitlyn Krasselt
 Norwalk Hour
Martha Shanahan
 The Day
 2018
Skylar Frazer
 New Britain Herald
Ben Lambert
 New Haven Register
Barry Lytton
 The Stamford Advocate
Erica Moser
 The Day

2019
Kimberly Drelich
 The Day
Meghan Friedmann
 Hearst Connecticut Media Group
Jo Krocker
 Hearst Connecticut Media Group
Justin Papp
 Hearst Connecticut Media Group
 2020
Tatiana Flowers
 Hearst Connecticut Media Group
Peter Yankowski
 Hearst Connecticut
 2021
Verónica Del Valle
 Hearst Connecticut
Currie Engel
 Hearst Connecticut
Alex Putterman
 Hartford Courant
Elizabeth Regan
 The Day

MAINE
 2011
Susan Cover
 Maine Today
Emily Guerin
 The Forecaster
Jesse Nankin
 Watchdog
 New England
Eric Russell
 Bangor Daily News
 2012
Will Graff
 The Forecaster
Lindsay Tice
 Sun Journal
 2013
Matthew Curren
 WGME
David Harry
 The Forecaster
 2014
Jon Chrisos
 CBS13/Fox23
Michael Shepherd
 Kennebec Journal
 2015
Jordan Bailey
 Courier Publications
Nate Holst
 WMTW-Portland

David Sherwood
 Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting
 2016
Matthew Daigle
 Sun Journal
Stephanie Grinnell
 The Republican Journal
Kyle Jones
 WMTW News
Joshua Moore
 Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting
Marina Villeneuve
 Associated Press
 2017
Abigail Adams
 Lincoln County News
Charles Eichacker
 Kennebec Journal
Callie Ferguson
 The Forecaster
 2018
Anne Berleant
 Penobscot Bay Press
Joe Glauber
 WMTW-Portland
Rachel Ohm
 Morning Sentinel

Amanda Post
 WGME-Portland
 2019
Sarah Craighead Dedmon
 Machias Valley News Observer
Dan Lampariello
 WGME-Portland
Patty Wight
 Maine Public Radio
 2020
Molly Shelly
 The Morning Sentinel
Terry Stackhouse
 WMTW News 8
Andrea Swiedom
 Sun Media
 2021
Lynda Clancy
 Penobscot Bay Pilot
MASSACHUSETTS
 2011
Keith Eddings
 Eagle-Tribune
Jim Haddadin
 Arlington Advocate
Laura Hutchinson
 WWLP 22News
Lyle Moran
 Lowell Sun

Former Fellows Continued

David Riley MetroWest Daily News	Allison Manning Boston.com	2020	Kaitlin Mulhere The Keene Sentinel	2021	Kim Kalunian WPRI-Providence	Colin Flanders The Essex Reporter and Colchester Sun
Rory Schuler Taunton Daily	Jordan Mayblum Wellesley Townsman	Dusty Christensen Daily Hampshire Gazette	2014	Julia Furukawa N.H. Public Radio	2019	Stephanie Gorin NBC5-Vermont
Matthew Stout The Enterprise 2012	Jan Ransom The Boston Globe 2016	Vernal Coleman The Boston Globe	Emily Corwin NH Public Radio	Amanda Gokee New Hampshire Bulletin	Jessica Botelho WJAR-Cranston	Katie Jickling The Herald
Alex Bloom The Enterprise	Zeninjor 2016	Jessica Hill Cape Cod Times	Alyssa Dandrea The Keene Sentinel	Cassidy Jensen The Concord Monitor	Laura Damon The Newport Daily News	Elizabeth Murray Burlington Free Press 2017
George Brennan Cape Cod Times	Enwemeka WBUR	Jennifer Huberdeau	Nora Doyle-Burr Valley News	Jordan Phelan Eagle Times	Hannah Dickison WPRI-Providence	Alicia Freese Seven Days
Deirdre Fernandes The Boston Globe	Jordan Frias Boston Herald	Lucia Maffei Boston Business Journal	Peter McGuire Forecaster Newspapers	Jack Rooney Keene Sentinel	Nadine Maya Sebai The Public's Radio 2020	Tommy Gardner Stowe Reporter
David Eisenstadter The Transcript	Phil Marcelo Associated Press	Samantha Mercado	Kerry Miller Eagle Times 2015	RHODE ISLAND 2011	Madeleine List Providence Journal 2021	Hilary Niles Independent
Sarah Favot Lowell Sun	Tom Relihan The Recorder	Mercado Patch.com	Jeremy Blackman	Amanda Milkovits	Jeremy Bernfeld The Public's Radio	Adam Silverman Burlington Free Press
Martine Powers The Boston Globe	Susan Spencer Worcester	Dasia Moore The Boston Globe	Megan Doyle Concord Monitor	David Scharfenberg	Lauren Clem The Valley Breeze	Greg Sukiennik New England Newspapers 2018
Patrick Ronan Patriot Ledger	Gerry Tuoti Gatehouse Media 2017	Shira Stoll NBC 10 Boston	Rob Wolfe Valley News 2016	Karen Ziner Providence Journal 2012	Sarah Guernelli WPRI-Providence	Catherine Buni Independent
Shaun Sutner Worcester	Collin Binkley Associated Press	Julia Taliesin Somerville Journal 2021	Peter Biello NH Public Radio	Lynn Arditi Providence Journal	Rachel Nunes Patch	Staci DaSilva WFFF-Burlington
Tyler Frasier Telegram & Gazette	Amanda Drane Berkshire Eagle	Dugan Arnett The Boston Globe	Tim Camerato Valley News	Ian Donnis RI Public Radio	Amy Russo Providence Journal	Xander Landen VTDigger 2019
Ryan Walsh WWLP 2013	Melissa Hanson MassLive	Greta Jochem The Berkshire Eagle	Meghan Foley The Keene Sentinel	Kathleen Mulvaney	VERMONT 2011	Liam Elder-Connors
Doug Fraser Cape Cod Times	Brad Petrishen Telegram & Gazette	Anastasia Lennon New Bedford Light	Allie Morris Concord Monitor	Bill Malinowski Providence Journal 2013	John Briggs Burlington Free Press	Christopher Mays Brattleboro Reformer
Wes Lowery The Boston Globe	Greg Ryan Boston Business Journal	Alex Newman Patch	Ella Nilsen Concord Monitor 2017	Mark Reynolds Providence Journal 2014	Anne Galloway Vermont Digger	Alex Nuti-de Biasi Journal Opinion 2020
Joshua Miller The Boston Globe	Sarah Betancourt Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism	Emma Platoff The Boston Globe	Caitlin Andrews Concord Monitor	Randal Edgar Providence Journal	Shay Totten Seven Days 2012	Orrin Schonfeld WPTZ-Burlington
Shawn Musgrave MuckRock	Michael Bonner The Standard Times	Tiana Woodard The Boston Globe	Allison DeAngelis Eagle-Tribune	Paul Grimaldi Providence Journal	Dan D'Ambrosio Burlington Free Press	Cat Viglienzoni WCAX-Burlington 2020
Neena Pathak Schuster Institute	Lisa Creamer WBUR-Boston	NEW HAMPSHIRE 2011	Casey McDermott NHPR	Janine Weisman Newport Mercury 2015	Jennifer Cleveland Caledonian-Record	Devin Bates Local 22/44
Neal Simpson The Patriot Ledger	Dialynn Dwyer Boston.com	Joseph Cote Nashua Telegraph	Paige Sutherland NHPR 2018	Jennifer Bogdan Providence Journal	Andrew Stein Vermont Digger 2013	Tom Garriss WPTZ NBC 5
Schuyler Velasco Christian Science Monitor 2014	Jennifer Lu Independent	Mark Davis Valley News	Breanna Edelstein The Eagle Tribune	Mark Reynolds Providence Journal 2014	Nathan Burgess Stowe Reporter	Anna Merriman Valley News
Sean F. Driscoll Cape Cod Times	Angela Rowlings Boston Herald	Maddie Hanna Concord Monitor 2012	Sierra Hubbard The Keene Sentinel	Mark Reynolds Providence Journal 2014	Olga Peters The Commons	Christopher Ross Addison County Independent
Beryl Lipton MuckRock	Bridget Turcotte The Daily Item	Maggie Cassidy Valley News	Meg McIntyre The Keene Sentinel 2019	Steph Machado WPRI-Providence 2016	Jennifer Reading WCAX 2014	Tiffany Tan Bennington Banner 2021
Priyanka McCluskey	Grant Welker Worcester Business Journal 2019	Maryalice Gill Nashua Telegraph	Hadley Barndollar Portsmouth Herald	Jacqueline Tempera	Taylor Dobbs Vermont Public Radio	Dom Amato WCAX-Burlington
McCluskey The Boston Globe	Amanda Burke Fall River Herald News	Meg Heckman Concord Monitor	Paul Cuno-Booth The Keene Sentinel	Kate Bramson Providence Journal 2017	Abby Ledoux Milton Independent 2015	Jack Lyons VT Digger
Alexa Mills The Boston Globe	Annmarie Timmins	Mary McIntyre NHPR	Mary McIntyre NHPR	Susan Campbell WPRI-Providence	Allison Teague The Commons 2015	REGIONAL 2021
Alex Ruppenthal Medford Transcript	Timmins Concord Monitor 2013	Leah Willingham Concord Monitor 2020	Leah Willingham Concord Monitor 2020	Derek Gomes Newport Daily News	April Burbank Burlington Free Press	Maya Ergas Shwayder
Eli Sherman Waltham News Tribune 2015	Todd Bookman NH Public Radio	Olivia Belanger The Kenne Sentinel	Olivia Belanger The Kenne Sentinel	Diana Pinzon WPRI-Providence 2018	Lola Duffort Rutland Herald	Shwayder New England Public Media
Samantha Allen Worcester	Sarah Brubeck Valley News	Madeline Hughes The Eagle-Tribune	Madeline Hughes The Eagle-Tribune	Brian Amaral Providence Journal	Lesley Engle Fox44/ABC22	Kyle Stucker Gannett New England
Jonathan Dame GateHouse Media	Christopher Garofolo	Alexander LaCasse Seacoast Media Group	Alexander LaCasse Seacoast Media Group	Parker Gavigan WJAR-Cranston	Courtney Lamdin Milton Independent 2016	
Nicole Dungea The Boston Globe	Kathryn Marchocki				Jess Aloe Burlington Free Press	
Jenna Fisher GateHouse Media	Marchocki NH Union Leader					
	Haven Orecchio-Egresitz					
	Berkshire Eagle					



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The New England First Amendment Institute will select 25 journalists — including editors, reporters and producers — to attend a multi-day training course on freedom of information laws and investigative techniques from Oct. 23-25. 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 who 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.

To apply, please submit a letter of application and the documents listed below. On a separate sheet of paper, fully answer the following questions, restating the question in your answer.

- (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) Have you applied to or attended the Institute in a previous year?
- (7) 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 Documents

- (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 in one single PDF file via email by August 12, 2022, to justin@nefac.org. If there is no acknowledgment from NEFAC, please confirm that your application has been received.



New England First Amendment Institute Recommendation Form Deadline August 12, 2022

Applicant Name _____

Applicant Position _____

Your Name _____

**Your Organization
and 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 the level of investigative reporting the applicant is capable of currently?

(4) Why do you believe the applicant is firmly committed to freedom of information and will use the knowledge gained through this fellowship to improve his or her reporting — as well as to help colleagues with their own reporting — during the next several years?

(5) While the three days of training and meals are covered in full by the Institute fellowship, is your organization willing to sponsor the applicant for other associated costs, such as transportation and lodging?

Yes

No