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for 2024-25**



**KNIGHT-WALLACE FELLOWSHIPS**

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## A Fellowship to Pursue Ambitious Journalism Ideas

Our Knight-Wallace Fellowships offer accomplished journalists two rare commodities: time and resources. Journalists eager for growth and deeply committed to the future of journalism spend an academic year at The University of Michigan to access the resources of a world-class university and dive into a journalism project. Areas of focus can include, but are not limited to, sharpening professional skills, addressing a challenge facing your newsroom, digging into data and research for a long-term reporting project or developing a journalism venture.

We select up to 20 Fellows from all facets of journalism who are ready to take the next career step and join us in Ann Arbor for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

- Eight-month program from late August through April of immersive study away from daily deadlines
- Individual journalism projects designed to develop topical depth, gain new skills, address a newsroom challenge or explore a journalism venture
- Specialized resources and access to faculty at the University of Michigan
- Private seminars with newsroom leaders, change agents and world-renowned experts for candid, off-the-record conversations
- Workshops to sharpen professional skills and leadership ability
- \$85,000 stipend plus \$5,000 for relocation expenses distributed monthly from August through April for living expenses (costs for health insurance, auditing courses, and participating in required workshops and fellowship activities paid for by Wallace House)\*
- Individual relocation support and assistance with finding and securing housing to meet each Fellow's housing needs
- Spouses and partners are invited to participate in fellowship activities and audit university courses as well

Wallace House returned to our in-person Knight-Wallace Fellowships for the 2022-2023 academic year. Our in-person fellowship adheres to the University of Michigan's Covid-19 protocol for all students, staff and faculty. This currently includes Covid-19 vaccine and booster requirements and following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

\*Effective for the 2024-2025 academic year

## Application Deadlines

Applications to apply for the 2024-2025 academic will open October 13.

The deadline for international applicants (journalists who do not hold a U.S. passport) to apply for the 2024-2025 academic year is December 1, 2023.

The deadline for U.S. applicants to apply for the 2024-2025 academic year is February 1, 2024.

Fellowship offers are extended in early May, giving Fellows ample time to plan a move to Ann Arbor for the start of the fall semester. As relocating for the fellowship does take some planning, we provide assistance with finding housing based on the needs of individual Fellows.

[More information on applying for the Knight-Wallace Fellowship »](#)

## Applications for the 2024-2025 academic year

### Eligibility

Qualified applicants must have a minimum of five years of experience and be currently working in some aspect of journalism for a news organization or as an independent journalist. We are looking for a diverse range of journalists, including reporters, editors, data experts, visual journalists, audio producers, engagement specialists, designers, developers, entrepreneurs and organizational change agents.

If you are not a full-time journalist, the majority of your work should be in journalism. We do not consider full-time academics, public relations writers, internal trade writers, lobbyists, public advocates, or those seeking a degree.

If you are a U.S. citizen, apply as a U.S. applicant, even if you work in another country or for a non-U.S. journalism entity. If you are not a U.S. citizen, apply as an international applicant, even if you work in the United States or for an American journalism entity. A Green Card is not the same as citizenship.

### Terms

All Fellows awarded our in-person fellowship must maintain residency in Ann Arbor for the duration of the fellowship, attend all program seminars and events, and make the fellowship their primary professional focus. Applicants working in a newsroom are encouraged to obtain employer consent granting a leave of absence with the understanding that, upon completion of the fellowship and where applicable, the Fellow will return to their place of employment.

### Timeline

- Deadline for international journalists to apply for the 2024-2025 academic year is December 1, 2023. International applications uploaded under the U.S application portal will not be considered.
- Deadline for U.S. journalists to apply for the 2024-2025 academic year is February 1, 2024.
- Offers for Knight-Wallace Fellowships for the 2024-2025 academic year will be extended in early May 2024.

- The 2024-2025 academic year begins Monday, August 26, 2024. Fellows are expected to arrive in Ann Arbor at least one week prior for fellowship orientation.

## Selection

Great care goes into assembling classes of Fellows that represent a diversity of race, ethnicity, nationality, experience, journalism specialty, geographic region and type and size of news organizations. Typically, ten to twelve U.S. journalists are joined by six to eight international colleagues. International finalists are interviewed in January and February to allow time for visa processing after selections are made. U.S. finalists are interviewed in April.

We accept up to 20 Fellows each year. U.S. applicants may be considered for our coverage area fellowships but should not direct their study plans to fit one of the categories. If you are a U.S. applicant and your work or fellowship project aligns with one of our dedicated fellowships, the selection committee will consider that alignment.

If you are applying for the newly created Knight-Wallace Arts Journalism Fellowship, you will be asked on the application form to describe your arts journalism work experience and detail how your journalism project is related to coverage of the arts.

## Covid-19 Health and Safety

Wallace House adheres to the University of Michigan's Covid-19 protocol put in place for all students, staff and faculty and guided by directives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

## Next Steps

1. Review [application and fellowship FAQ](#).
2. Review [preparing your international application](#) or [preparing your U.S. application](#).
3. Fill out and submit the application form. Application forms are hosted on the OpenWater platform.

## Application Form

[Go to Application Form](#)