

Pre application:
<i>Early careers</i>
Can you please explain what you mean by “early careers”
We feel this Fellowship is suited to someone with between 2-5 years of reporting experience.
Can you please clarify my eligibility e.g. I am 35 years old but have only been a journalist for 3 years, can I apply?
The fellowship is not restricted by age, only experience. We are looking for early talent. Please submit your application along with the requested pieces of work requested.
Does my work experience in university/college/intern placement or similar count towards the 2-5 years’ work experience required? e.g. A candidate has worked for 1 year as a full-time journalist but has worked as a reporter all the way through college.
Sir Harry was an editor of Durham University’s student newspaper Palatinate. You are welcome to include published work from university, college or internships to support your application.
<i>The Fellowship proposal</i>
How will I run the investigation of my proposal from London, New York or Toronto if my topic is set in a different country?
The main purpose of the proposal is to evaluate the candidate’s news judgment, originality, and conceptual abilities. In 2023 and 2024 the successful Fellow was allocated to a different proposal to the one included in their application, and it is possible that the same will be done in 2026.
Do I need to have a degree or other qualifications in journalism?
We are looking for an exceptional early-years journalist, and this will be evaluated based on your recent professional writing submitted in your application. Please include details of all your relevant qualifications.
Can I write about a topic that is particular to my local area or should it be international?
You can write about any topic, local or international. The purpose of the application is to show the judging panel you can identify a worthwhile investigation, that you can probe and discover fact-based evidence, that you are an exceptional writer who can report the story. Please note that if you are successful there is a strong possibility you will not work on the story that you propose for the application.
Language
Do you support an application and work examples in my native language, if it is not English?
We welcome international candidates and recognise that the strongest examples of your work might be in other languages. However, we need your application and your examples of work in English language. The working language of the University and the newsroom where you will be based are English. Please translate any examples of your work that are not in English.
What level of English should I hold?
Your written and spoken English should be at a very high standard. Reuters publishes only in English language and you will be working in a fast-paced newsroom where English is spoken. Similarly, your time at Durham will also be in an English-speaking environment.
I am a TV/digital journalist so can only send recordings/video, is this acceptable?
Yes, although we must also see your written research work and scripted narratives for at least 2 of these pieces.

References:

I don't want my employer to know I am applying for the Fellowship; at what part of the process will you contact them?

We will only contact the employer of the successful candidate once they have been offered the Fellowship. The offer of the Fellowship will be subject to satisfactory references.

I am a freelancer not attached to a news organisation, can I still apply?

Yes, as long as you have the relevant experience and supporting work we require.

Is it possible for me to continue with my normal job as well as the Fellowship?

No, the Fellowship is a full-time role. If you are successful, we hope your employer will see this opportunity as something that will enhance your career.

I work as a junior reporter for Reuters can I still apply?

Unfortunately, current employees of Reuters and Durham University are prohibited from applying.

Who will I work for in the Reuters newsroom?

Depending on the story, you are working on you will be assigned one of Reuters' experienced investigative journalists as your mentor.

Post-application:

If I am successful and not resident of the city where the Fellowship will be based, will I get help with a visa to work there?

The University will support the successful candidate's application for a suitable visa to undertake the Fellowship. However, it is your responsibility to apply for the necessary visas and you will only be able to begin the Fellowship when they are in place. To allow sufficient time for you to make these arrangements we do not expect the Fellowship to begin before February 2026.

If I am successful will the grant cover expenses such as household bills and rent so I have enough to live on?

Yes, we have carefully worked out the approximate cost of living and believe the grant will cover the living expenses for a single person in London.

If I do not live in London, New York or Toronto could I be a Fellow from my home country?

No, you will need to relocate for the duration of the Fellowship.

Can you explain the split between Durham and Reuters Newsroom?

The Fellow will be immersed in the host newsroom from the outset of the Fellowship but will have virtual contact with the University through its Institute of Advanced Study and begin to build up a virtual network of contacts at the University. It is expected that the Fellow will be in Durham during October 2026 as part of the Michaelmas cohort of Institute of Advanced Study Michaelmas fellows. The Fellow will have specific responsibilities to undertake for the University including delivering a public seminar.

Will Durham/Reuters provide accommodation for me on arrival.

Advice will be provided, but it is the Fellow's responsibility to find suitable accommodation in London. The University assist with finding accommodation in Durham, but the fellow will be expected to cover the cost from their stipend.

Will I have access to medical care?

Yes. If you are based in the UK you may need to pay the [Immigration Healthcare Surcharge](#) when applying for your visa to access healthcare through the National Health Service. You may also wish to arrange additional medical insurance and should arrange travel insurance to cover any medical expenses when travelling. These should be paid from the Fellowship stipend.

If I am successful, will the travel budget be given to me ahead of time to book my travel, or will you book it for me?

Once the offer has been made, the successful candidate will receive a one-off payment of £1,800 for travel and related expenses in their first pay.

Is it remote or office-based working in Reuters?

We fully support flexible-working but exact working arrangements will be confirmed by the host newsroom.

My visa application costs \$100, will you reimburse this?

All visa costs will be expected to be covered within the travel allowance as detailed above.

Is there any flexibility which month the Fellowship starts?

No, the Fellowship will run February-October. The only flexibility will be if there are difficulties securing the necessary visas in time. The month at Durham University will be in October 2026 to coincide with the start of the Michaelmas term.

Where will my salary be paid?

You will need a bank account in the country where you are working to receive your salary. In the UK, the University can assist with reference letters if needed.