

Investigative Journalism

Award Autogenerated Code

9836-AL

Region

Europe and Eurasia

Country

Albania

Number of Grants

1

Researcher Monthly Stipend and Allowances

\$3,170-\$3,670

Teaching or Teaching/Research Award (Assistant Professor or Below) Monthly Stipend and Allowances

\$3,940-\$4,440

Teaching or Teaching/Research Award (Associate or Full Professor) Monthly Stipend and Allowances

\$4,160-\$4,660

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance

\$3550 - \$8550

Estimated Book and Research Allowance

\$750 - Books and educational materials allowance for teaching and teaching/research grants; should be donated to the host institution (or other entity) upon grantee's departure.

Dependent Tuition Allowance

Reimbursement for dependent education expenses may be available on a limited basis, depending on funding availability and grant duration. Grantees should confirm with CIES that proposed expenses meet eligibility criteria; however, availability of funds may not be known until the end of academic year 2020-2021.

Candidate Profile

Professionals

Academics, all levels including early career

Postdoctoral

Activity

Professional Project

Teaching/Research

Application Deadline

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Grant Activity

Primary duties involve teaching two courses on Investigative Journalism at the University of Tirana, one in the BA program with a group of 30 students and one in the MA Program with 20 students. These courses aim to help students acquire investigative reporting skills. The MA Program was designed with support from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the British Embassy and will be launched in the academic year 2020-2021.

Secondary duties will be related to the Journalism Lab Project managed by the Albanian Center for Quality Journalism. The Scholar will provide mentoring and coaching to 12 student participants in the project by working with teams on the actual investigations. Stories will be published on the website and on a 31 Minutes TV program (modeled after 60 minutes). The Journalism Lab program consists of intensive classroom training (sources of investigative journalists, ethics and self-censorship, access to information law, interview techniques, data journalism, search and research, fact checking, etc.) and hands on experience with investigating and writing stories.

Grant Length

4-5 months

Grant Dates

October 2021 to February 2022

Locations

Department of Journalism, Tirana University

The primary host institution is Department of Journalism at Tirana University. It was founded in 1992 and is part of the Faculty of History and Philology. Most of the faculty members are also journalists in print and audiovisual media outlets. The three-year BA program offers study programs in General, Culture and Art, Political, and Economic Journalism. At the Master level, programs include Public Relations, European and International Journalism, Intercultural Communication, Media Marketing, and Media Management.

The secondary host institution is the Albanian Center for Quality Journalism. This is a non-political, independent, not-for-profit organization run by young professionals based in Tirana, Albania. The leadership team consists of young professionals with a background in media and law. The Center's key focus is the training and sharing of information among young up-and-coming investigative and data journalists, and the promotion of ethical journalism through the different mediums available.

For additional information, contact Mr. Mark Marku, Head of the Journalism Department, markmarku@hotmail.com ^[1] and Roden Hoxha, Executive Director, Albanian Center for Quality Journalism rodenhoxha@gmail.com ^[2]

[University of Tirana](#) ^[3]

Flex Option

No

Discipline Type

Only applications in the following disciplines will be considered

Disciplines

Journalism

Areas of Interest

Applications are sought in the appropriate specialization, including Investigative Journalism.

Special Features

The host institution will help the Scholar to identify and secure acceptable housing. Post reviews all housing available options to assure they meet required standards.

Degree Requirements

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

Additional Qualification Information

Applicants with relevant academic background and experience are preferred.

Additional Language Requirement

All teaching will be in English; additional language proficiency not required. University will cover the translation in Albanian, if necessary.

Invitation Requirement

A letter of invitation is optional

Additional Comments

The Department of Journalism and Communication at the University of Tirana is interested in exchange experiences in teaching and research, especially in investigative journalism, which is a field rarely covered by scholars in the country. With the support of USAID and the British Embassy in Albania, the Department has developed the first MA program in Investigative Journalism. The program will be open for the first time in October 2020. The experiences of an American scholar could serve as a valuable model for Albanian scholars within the Department of Journalism and Communication at UT.

Three years ago, Embassy Tirana started a program enabling our exchange program alumni to mentor and train journalism students in investigative journalism over the course of an academic year (October – early July) in what has been named the Investigative Journalism Lab. Through the project, students receive in-class training in early October for two weeks and then, after brainstorming with their mentors, decide on investigative stories they will work on. Stories are published on a dedicated website (qualityjournalism.com.al) run by the Albanian Quality Journalism Center, which administers the Lab. The purpose of the Lab is to help develop independent investigative journalism capacity and visual storytelling skills. Post envisages a 1.5 days workshop on storytelling with this group of young journalists which would include actual production tasks.

In 2018, post worked with the Albanian Quality Journalism Center (and with funding from the Dutch and Swiss embassies in Tirana) and public TV – RTSH – to build 31 Minutes, a biweekly TV [show](#) [4] that is modeled after the famous 60 Minutes show. The purpose of the show is to help shed light on important issues that affect citizens. The peculiarity of the show is that it does not focus on politicians or the government, like almost every other media outlet does, but rather on issues that affect citizens.

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Helpful Links

[University of Tirana](#) [5]

qualityjournalism.com.al [6]

Multi-Country/Area Award

No

Grant Length Filter

Three to five months

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

Applicants are encouraged to reach out to potential host institution. However, Public Affairs Office would be happy to assist applicants and facilitate contact with the host institution.

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Language Proficiency Requirements

None, English is sufficient

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Links

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[2] <mailto:rodenhoxha@gmail.com>

[3] <http://www.unitir.edu.al/index.php?lang=sq>

[4] https://www.facebook.com/31minuta/?__tn__=kC-R&eid=ARA7Ta5pMstbmi9weWT24WJCAdn_FGrG4NwZB0hkkcmWctr8So2YDgy3TWWi5bPtom2bsQV59DdqS2S&hc_ref=ARRMnkf0Mlr5_b20FepLiyZZTDCHILYUrruiYWh0_XnlLkrbpQGQRfikVFX9Qw4HQ&fref=rf&__xts__%5B1B4W1bsLnrREyWcVAKB3v3qUiD3KyFzfuWTJUmoXET_it09Y9IAaARLBSsYlatH8W0ywwziYQgZfgar8DdncD7qvP-SNhsyJCdJyV_KtiAIEC3LUqcKv-Q3DC1X4Cg2NGREbGtsz7uOlyPFfjNrJlQlXgBIBnzSN4a7TXf_G9-9UtCVnA9Mhs81kvl3tw6Lcg0g4v63M9pPjzYQcYTUNGel2EQs40jojKaluJlq37o278Kagyaj0R_OvNB0gijFOaX0me6LXsQvF4O40SudK6A6rlWBNYAJW3vKrb4DUZO_DSQ2Qy11ndNtdLr6zcJlkzz-aTctYmTKbA6Dki9bNwStkwQtXQoLNe713z_wsBOK0adGnKF9wbCI

[5] <http://www.unitir.edu.al>

[6] <http://www.qualityjournalism.com.al/english/>

[7] <https://awards.cies.org/award-years/2021-2022-awards>