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FIJ partners with 3 newsrooms for diversity fellowships



The Marshall Project



The Fund for Investigative Journalism has begun accepting applications for a diversity initiative that is now in its third year. The fellowship program aims to expand opportunities for diverse journalists, with an emphasis on journalists of color.

The latest iteration of the program will partner as many as four fellows with three of the country's best and most innovative nonprofit newsrooms, including InsideClimate News, The Marshall Project and Reveal from The Center for Investigative Reporting.

Each fellow will be awarded a \$15,000 grant. The deadline to apply for the diversity fellowship is Oct. 1, 2018.

Each of the organizations will provide guidance and newsroom resources to help their assigned fellows produce deeply reported investigations on climate change and the environment, social justice and the U.S. criminal justice system, and government accountability and the abuse of power.

The Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative

Reporting will also provide additional training and coaching.

FIJ Operations Director Bobby Caina Calvan is traveling to this summer's slate of ethnic journalism conferences to help widen the pool of applicants.

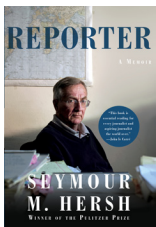
He attended the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and the Native American Journalists Association conferences last month. In August, he will attend the annual conventions of the National Association of Black Journalists and the Asian American Journalists Association.

Meanwhile, FIJ is also now accepting applications for general grants of up to \$10,000. The deadline is Sept. 24, 2018.

In other news, the Nicholas B. Ottaway Foundation is again renewing its support for FIJ with a \$25,000 gift. It's the sixth year the foundation has provided support for FIJ grants since 2013. A special thank-you to former FIJ board member David Ottaway for his continued support of the important work by FIJ and the independent journalists it supports.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

In new book, Seymour Hersh recounts the 'stories behind the stories' in long career



Seymour Hersh has published a memoir in which he recounts his long career as an investigative journalist. His book, "Reporter," shares what his publisher calls "the stories behind the stories." Hersh won a Pulitzer in international reporting for his FIJ-funded expose on the My Lai massacre during the Vietnam War. The

book describes FIJ as "an important foundation that continues today to finance innovative newspaper and magazine stories." The Washington Post called his book a welcome addition to those focused on "the making of journalism."

In a piece for the Los Angeles Review of Books, **Tom Stevenson** looks into the lives of Egyptian dissidents under the US-backed dictatorship in Egypt. The report uncovers the extreme intimidation, surveillance, and repression the Egyptian government uses against dissidents, who nonetheless continue to challenge the state despite ever harsher conditions.