

Call for Applications – TISL Journalism Fellowship

Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL), the local chapter of the global movement against corruption is inviting Expressions of Interest from young journalists from the Northern (Vavuniya preferred), Eastern (Kinniya and Mutur preferred), Southern (Galle and Matara preferred), North Western (Kuliyapitiya Division), Central (Maskeliya Divisions) provinces in Sri Lanka for the TISL Journalism Fellowship to improve the quality of journalism by strengthening investigative journalism, media education and online media literacy in Sri Lanka. The fellowship includes workshops and support for the publishing of news stories focusing on investigative journalism on public procurement, accountability, Right to Information (RTI), asset declarations, asset recovery, bribery & corruption, participatory budgeting and other areas as and when required.

TISL commenced the fellowship programme from the year 2019 to encourage selected new and young journalists to improve their investigative journalism skills and to report on corruption-related themes. TISL will be recruiting amateur regional-based journalists under the Strengthening Accountability Networks Among Civil Society (SANCUS) project to strengthen citizen participation and consultation in budget and oversight processes, from January 2021 to December 2023. Throughout the fellowship period from December 2022 to September 2023, the successful applicants will be required to apply the knowledge acquired, in developing and producing news stories relating to the aforementioned topics. The amateur journalists may be from one of the provinces mentioned above or from different provinces based on the project requirement as well as the profiles of the candidates.

Fellows will receive a monthly stipend as support for developing their news stories. The fellowship is open to regional journalists across print, electronic and digital media platforms. Throughout the fellowship period the fellowship recipients will be individually mentored by a panel of experienced mentors working with TISL.

Eligibility and Expression of Interest Criteria

To be eligible for selection, an ideal candidate must –

- Be a citizen of Sri Lanka between the ages of 20-35
 - Submit an up-to-date CV with a cover letter elaborating on their interest in anti-corruption work and demonstrating their understanding of the aforementioned subjects
 - Submit proof of educational and professional qualifications
 - Submit 3 samples of work on either print, electronic or digital platforms
 - Submit a letter from the editor/news director authorizing them to participate in the fellowship (Freelancers are required to submit a letter of recommendation from an editor/news director)
- The applicant should not be a past fellowship recipient from TISL.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted via e-mail to tisl@tisrilanka.org under the subject “Regional Journalism Fellowship”.

The final date for submission is 4th December 2022.