

The Reporting Award

Sponsored by the NYU Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute
of New York University's Faculty of Arts and Science

2020 Terms of Agreement

Summary

The Contest

The Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute at New York University (“the Institute”) is pleased to announce its Reporting Award to underwrite the research and reporting for a significant work of journalism in any medium on an under-reported topic in the public interest (“the Work”).

The Institute urges applications from journalists with a substantial published or produced body of work on an underreported project in the public interest already in progress. The project must have demonstrable prospects for timely completion and publication by the established deadline.

The Prize

The Institute will select one or more winners of the Reporting Award. Each winner (“the Winner”) may receive a different amount of money, at the discretion of the Committee. The maximum award is twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500).

The award is divided into two payments. Each winner will receive an advance of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) on acceptance of the proposal and the signing of the agreement, and is eligible to receive the balance of the agreed-upon award on completion and publication of the Work by the December 1, 2020 deadline, provided the Institute’s Awards Committee judges the Work acceptable. The Committee will judge whether the Work is acceptable only after the Work is published in a reputable media outlet of wide circulation. Expenses incurred by the Winner in reporting and writing the Work is the sole responsibility of the Winner.

In addition, the award provides full access to New York University’s (“NYU”) vast library resources. The Winner also will have access to work space (space permitting) at the Carter Institute’s state-of-the-art facility at 20 Cooper Square in the East Village for the duration of the reporting and writing period.

Application Process

The application is available online. The submission deadline is Tuesday, February 18, 2020. The deadline to complete and deliver the final Work is Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

Terms of Agreement

1. Introduction

1.1 These Terms and Conditions (“Competition Rules”) shall be binding on you when entering The Reporting Award competition (“the Competition”) sponsored by NYU Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute of New York University’s Faculty of Arts and Science (“the Institute”).

1.2 These Competition Rules apply to all entrants in the Competition. The Institute may amend them from time to time and will post any changes on the Competition website.

1.3 No fee or payment is necessary to enter the Competition.

1.4 All entry instructions and any other specific details relating to the competition or the prizes form part of these Terms.

1.5 All entries must be received by the Institute by the closing date specified. The Institute does not take any responsibility for any submissions that are illegible, misdirected, lost for technical or other reasons or received after the closing date. Entries should not be considered complete until entrants receive a confirmation email.

2. Eligibility

2.1 The Competition is open to anyone age 21 and older, with the exceptions provided for in this section. Entrants are not required to be published journalists but the Institute encourages applications from journalists with a proven track record.

2.2 Not eligible for the Competition are: NYU Affiliates and their immediate families; NYU graduates receiving degrees dated 2017 or thereafter; and journalists holding staff positions at established media outlets determined by the Committee to be ineligible because they are capable of funding such a project on their own. The Institute reserves the absolute right to disqualify any entrant to the Competition whom it deems ineligible according to these criteria.

2.3 All decisions of the Institute regarding eligibility will be final and binding.

3. Liability

3.1 All activities related to the research and writing of the Work are undertaken at your own risk. The Winner agrees to release New York University and the Institute, and their officers, trustees, employees and representatives from any and all claims, demands, suits or proceedings of any kind arising out of or connected with the Competition or prizes.

3.2 The Institute shall not be liable for any loss, costs, expenses, damages, liability or injury of any kind arising out of or in any way connected with the Competition or prizes, other than those costs and expenses specifically provided for in the Competition Rules.

3.3 The Institute will not fund proposals to report from locations where there is conflict that might imperil journalists, nor will it support projects deemed by the Committee to have a high level of risk for the applicant.

4. Prizes

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4.3 The Winner will have access to an NYU ID, online and onsite access to NYU Bobst Library research and reference privileges, and a workspace (space permitting) at the Institute from June 3, 2020 through December 1, 2020. The Institute is a fully equipped multimedia environment with wi-fi access, however the Institute will not provide a personal computer or other dedicated audio or video equipment.

4.4 The Winner will not be deemed to be an NYU employee by virtue of winning the Competition, submitting the Work, or publishing the Work in conjunction with NYU.

5. The Work

5.1 The Reporting Award helps underwrite a significant work of journalism on an under-reported subject in the public interest. A “significant work of journalism” would be expected to probe a subject in considerable depth and length (5,000 words for a print piece) and bring new understanding to an important public issue. The Committee will judge whether the Work is acceptable only after the Work is published in a reputable media outlet of wide circulation. The decision of the Institute’s Award Committee shall be final and conclusive.

5.2 The Winner represents and warrants that all materials submitted for both the Competition entry and the Work are solely his/her own, with the exception of research and fact-checking assistance, and that the Work will not violate or infringe any proprietary right of any third party. The Institute shall have no responsibility for any misstatements or copyright or other proprietary right infringements contained in the Work.

5.3 The Winner shall retain copyrights to the Work. The Institute shall have second rights to publishing the Work in any media, electronic or printed, as well as indefinite rights on the Institute website and for internal purposes.

5.4 The published Work will provide credit to the Institute in a mutually agreeable form for sponsoring the Work.

5.5 Upon completion and submission of the Work, the Winner agrees to present the Work to the NYU journalism community in a mutually agreeable format to be decided and scheduled at a later date.

6. Publicity

6.1 The Institute may use Winner's name, statements, likeness and voice recording in any medium in promotional activities and publicity for the Institute, the Work, and the Competition.

7. Jurisdiction

7.1 These rules shall be governed and construed in accordance with the law of New York without regard to principles of conflict of laws.

7.2 The Institute's failure to enforce any of these Competition rules in any instance(s) will not give rise to any claim by any individual.