

# **ToR for Investigative Reporting Grant**

## **1. Objective**

Investigative Reporting Grant aims to start a professional culture of inquiry and investigation among Bhutanese journalists. The Grant provides the journalists who attended BMF's Investigative Journalism Training from 6 to 8 May 2019 to put their newly acquired skills and knowledge into practice. The Grant will pay the interested journalists for the time they spend to do one investigative story.

## **2. Eligibility criteria**

- Only the individuals who participated in the Investigative Journalism Training from 6 to 8 May 2019 may apply for the Grant.
- Both English and Dzongkha journalists are eligible to apply.
- An applicant must submit a duly filled Grant application form along with a copy of CV.
- An applicant must submit an authorisation letter (scanned copy) from the employer stating that his or her story supported by the Grant will be published or aired.
- A freelancer applicant must get a letter (scanned copy) from a media house stating that his or her story supported by the Grant will be published or aired.
- An applicant must submit a work plan showing the number of days required for travels, interviews, meetings, and field and desk research to complete the story.
- An applicant may submit more than one story pitch but only one pitch will be selected for the Grant.
- An applicant may pitch story idea on, but not limited to, corruption and public accountability.

## **3. Evaluation criteria**

- A three-member independent jury comprising senior journalists will evaluate the applications.

- The selection of the proposals will be based on the following criteria:

Sl/no	Criteria	Points (out of 100%)	Remarks
1	Story pitch/idea	25	
2	Newsworthiness & relevance	25	
3	Expected impact of the story	25	
4	Doability	25	

#### **4. Mentorship**

- Each grant recipient will be attached to a mentor who will guide him or her throughout the story writing process.
- The role of the mentor is to advise the grant recipient on information gathering, identifying the right sources of information, building the context of the story, and finding and retaining the focus of the story, among others.
- The grant recipient and mentor should communicate regularly.

#### **5. Grant amount**

- A grant recipient will be paid Nu 2,000 per day up to an amount not exceeding Nu 35,000 to Nu 40,000 depending on the number of grants approved.
- A grant recipient is entitled to an advance of 50 percent of the total grant amount upon signing the contract. BMF will pay the remaining 50 percent of the amount upon successful publication or airing of the proposed story and submission of the published or aired story to BMF.

#### **6. Expected outputs**

- A grant recipient is expected to complete and publish/broadcast a compelling investigative story.
- A grant recipient is expected to submit a copy of the story, along with pictures/recordings to BMF.

## **7. Timeframe**

- Applications must be submitted to [bmf@bmf.bt](mailto:bmf@bmf.bt) before 5 pm on 3 June 2019. Hard copy application or walk-in submission will not be accepted.
- The Grant will be announced on 5 June 2019.
- A grant recipient will be given until 5 August 2019 to complete and publish/broadcast his or her story.

## **8. Intellectual property**

Content developers shall have the Intellectual Property ownership right.

## **9. Right to withhold the Grant**

BMF retains the right to refuse the Grant to an applicant if the Jury deems the proposal is not up to the mark or not in line with the stated objectives of the Grant.

## **10. Contract**

A grant recipient shall sign a contract agreement with BMF guaranteeing that he or she will produce the proposed work within the stipulated timeframe.

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