

2026 FASPE Journalism Fellowship Eligibility Guidelines

FASPE seeks graduate students and early-career professionals in formative stages of developing their professional identity and influence as leaders in their fields. The below guidelines should be considered when choosing whether to apply. Applications that do not strictly adhere to these guidelines will still be considered, but preference may be given to those that are more closely aligned with the outlined eligibility parameters.

FASPE seeks Journalism applicants who fit into one of the following three categories: 1) have some journalistic experience (whether in a college newsroom or otherwise[]) and are enrolled in a graduate program of any kind and planning to work as a journalist; OR 2) have completed an undergraduate degree and are working as a journalist; OR 3) have completed a graduate degree and are working as a journalist.

Preference will be given to candidates who have journalistic work that has been published or aired by a recognized news organization.

FASPE seeks Journalism Fellows who are preparing for or in early stages of their career, with total professional experience generally not exceeding 10 years.

FASPE seeks Journalism Fellows with diverse interests and backgrounds, including those pursuing careers as reporters, editors, photojournalists or documentarians or other forms of storytelling , in local, national, or international contexts.

FASPE seeks Fellows at a formative stage of their professional lives, who are open-minded and self-reflective, demonstrate leadership capabilities, and possess the potential of having influence in their fields. FASPE selects its Fellows on the basis of their academic background, personal and professional experiences, capacity for leadership, and ability to contribute to the Fellowship program and the alumni community. FASPE values and seeks to create inclusive environments, and welcomes applicants of all religious, political, and socioeconomic backgrounds as well as gender identities. FASPE seeks Fellows who are interested in engaging in discussions with their co-Fellows and faculty, and who have the intellectual and emotional maturity to discuss difficult and controversial issues responsibly and respectfully in small group settings. All applications are welcome and reviewed.