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PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM 

<b>Job Title:</b>	Research Manager
<b>Organization:</b>	Committee to Protect Journalists
<b>Location:</b>	New York, NY
<b>Stipend and Benefits:</b>	\$68,000 annually with health insurance for the fellow, professional development funds, and relocation allowance
<b>Start Date:</b>	August 1 or September 3, 2019

## ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1981, the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) is an independent nonprofit organization defending journalists worldwide without regard to their political ideology. Through its work to safeguard journalists, CPJ protects the rights of all people to have access to diverse and independent sources of information. We use reporting and media attention, advocacy with governments and international institutions, legal interventions, and direct financial assistance to take action wherever journalists are attacked, imprisoned, killed, kidnapped, threatened, censored, or harassed. Learn more at [www.cpj.org](http://www.cpj.org).

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Research Manager will guide CPJ's research and ongoing education on emerging press freedom threats. Working closely with CPJ's Program Director at the nexus of CPJ's six regional programs, which cover Africa, North America, South and Central America, Asia, Europe and Central Asia, and the Middle East and North Africa, the Research Manager will support our reporting and research on emerging global threats to press freedom that cross regions. The manager will also help strengthen the research program's connections with partner organizations and academic institutions actively investigating these issues.

Approximately one half of the Research Manager's time will be spent designing a research and reporting project around one emerging press freedom issue. The particular area could support one of CPJ's 2019-2021 strategic priorities: reducing the chilling effect of online harassment, combating "fake news" laws worldwide, election monitoring, and reporting on technology and press freedom.

In addition to developing a core research project, the Research Manager will work closely with CPJ's six regional programs, each of which is staffed by a program coordinator, researcher, and network of international correspondents and representatives. The manager will help these regional programs identify areas of potential cross-regional collaboration on emerging global threats and will work to expand CPJ's connection with experts, scholars, nonprofits, and academic institutions working on these issues.

Key duties and responsibilities:

- Design and lead a research and reporting project around an emerging press freedom issue, in collaboration with relevant CPJ research or regional teams. This will lead to the production of a concept paper with the possibility for a series of articles published externally and on CPJ's website;

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- Monitor and track events, policies, and laws related to a key strategic priority, such as press freedom violations during elections, “fake news” laws, online harassment, or a topic on the intersection of press freedom and technology;
- Work with the Program Director to create a workflow and research support for ongoing cross-regional issues, including China’s global role in propaganda and censorship and the export of spyware technologies;
- Work with correspondents around the world to identify on the ground data points and funnel them into our central research arm in New York, and support the Research Director and Technology Editor in developing a workflow and research pipeline to break out trends and priorities in cross-regional work;
- Assist in cultivating partnerships with digital rights groups, and facilitate communication across regional programs around the intersection of technology and press freedom;
- Write memos and background briefs based on these findings; and
- Support CPJ institutional growth and development by fostering conversations between academics and CPJ researchers, which can include organizing brown bag lunches and seminars and curating topical readings for staff.

## QUALIFICATIONS

### *Required*

- PhD in the humanities or humanistic social sciences;
- Strong commitment to human rights issues;
- Excellent research, writing, and analytic skills;
- Ability to juggle multiple tasks and meet strict deadlines; and
- Demonstrated skills in leadership and collaboration across an organization.

### *Preferred*

- Foreign language skills; and
- Familiarity with emerging global threats to press freedom.

## APPLICATIONS

- Information on the Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows Program: [www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows](http://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows)
- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS online application system ([ofa.acls.org](http://ofa.acls.org))
- Application deadline: March 13, 2019, 9 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

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