The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research (www.apnorc.org) is proud to offer a national competition for a 9-month fellowship which is open to mid-career journalists.

**Eligibility**

This is a national competition open to career journalists with at least five years’ experience. Additional criteria are as follows:

- **All members of the media are welcome**—text, radio, television, and online.
- **Experience and interest are required**—A demonstrated interest in reporting on social science or environmental science research and/or reporting on the aftermath of natural disasters, disaster preparedness or community resilience. Experience in these areas is preferred. Some formal training in sociology, population research, and/or statistics and data analysis would be beneficial but is not required.
- **Body of work**—track record demonstrating ability to translate research into journalism.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents eligible to work in the U.S. The fellow will be expected to spend a significant amount of time working the New York and New Jersey regions affected by Superstorm Sandy.

**About the Fellowship**

This fellowship, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, is designed to address the need for more journalists with the skills required to do research-based enterprise reporting. The fellowship will focus on the emerging science of resilience, with a focus on social and community resilience, including a unique opportunity to investigate select neighborhoods impacted by Superstorm Sandy. The skill set developed will be useful throughout a journalist’s career and can be applied to many different issues.

- Develop and enhance social science, statistical, and other analytical research skills needed to explore economic, psychological, and social resilience issues.
  - Senior NORC scientist as mentor.
  - Opportunities to take courses and attend conferences and workshops.
  - Access to NORC resources, University of Chicago faculty, and special courses.
- Produce in-depth research-based enterprise journalism distributed nationally and worldwide by the AP.
  - Work one-on-one with an AP editor to generate regular reporting for distribution by the AP.
  - Opportunity to pursue local or regional interest stories related to the project.
- Contribute to and report on an in-depth research project on community resilience that will be conducted in communities that were affected by Superstorm Sandy.
A Unique Fellowship Opportunity to Build Enterprise Reporting Skills

The fellow will spend nine months working for the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research with access to the research and academic resources of NORC at the University of Chicago and the University of Chicago itself, including members of its renowned sociology, public policy, and public health faculty.

- The fellowship will provide a highly competitive, 9-month salary of up to $75,000 plus full benefits.
- NORC will provide the fellow with a highly individualized training program including a mix of one-on-one tutorials, seminars, and the opportunity to audit selected University of Chicago courses.
- AP will supervise the fellow’s reporting activities.
- The fellow will spend a significant amount of time doing research and reporting in the New York and New Jersey areas that were affected by Superstorm Sandy, and in Chicago for training.
- Relocation support is available but relocation is not required; work arrangements will be negotiated with the selected Fellow. NORC will provide office space on the University of Chicago campus and/or at one of its other locations, and will also provide technology for remote work.
- Travel expenses will be provided, as will a budget for coursework, conferences, interviews, access to experts, and short courses at other institutions.
- The fellowship will begin in January 2014 for a 9-month fixed term.
- Apply online at www.apnorc.org.
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from November 11, 2013 until a candidate is selected.

About The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research

The AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research combines the power of objective research and the highest quality journalism to bring important information and analysis of the key issues of the day to people across the nation and throughout the world.

AP (Associated Press) is the essential global news network, delivering fast, unbiased news from every corner of the world to all media platforms and formats. Founded in 1846, AP today is the most trusted source of independent news and information. On any given day, more than half the world’s population sees news from AP.

NORC at the University of Chicago is an independent research organization headquartered in downtown Chicago with additional offices in the University of Chicago campus, the D.C. Metro area, Atlanta, Boston, and San Francisco. NORC’s more than 70 years of leadership and experience in data collection, analysis, and dissemination—coupled with deep subject matter expertise—provides the foundation for effective solutions to issues confronting society.

Through their unique partnership, the two organizations carry out and analyze independent research in the public interest on newsworthy topics, and use the power of journalism to tell the stories the research reveals.

With funding provided by the Rockefeller Foundation the AP-NORC Center initiated the Journalism Fellowship on Community Resilience Issues to create research-based journalism exploring individual and community factors that are related to community resilience in times of crisis.

How to Apply

- Applications and more information are available online at www.apnorc.org.
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from November 11, 2013 until a candidate is selected.
- Candidates will need to submit a resume/CV. Selected candidates will be asked to submit a personal statement, a research statement, and three letters of recommendation.

For more information and application: http://www.apnorc.org/

The Underlying Issue: Community Resilience

The resilience of communities and their ability to come together in times of crisis are consistently discussed in periods of recovery, but the mechanisms by which the recovery happens are not well understood. What makes one community able to effectively communicate, organize toward shared goals, and recover, while another seems to be unable to recover or rebuild?

Not enough is understood about how people and communities bounce back from disasters. Improving our understanding will help affected residents, communities, and policymakers improve disaster response and recovery efforts in the future.

The Journalism Fellowship program is designed to increase public understanding of economic, psychological, and social resilience issues. The program will provide the AP-NORC fellow with the training, skills, reporting opportunities—and perhaps most important—the time to explore resilience in all its forms and to become expert in producing research-based enterprise journalism on this important topic.

The fellow will also have an opportunity to investigate resilience in the context of Superstorm Sandy. Superstorm Sandy affected large areas of coastal New York and New Jersey, devastating communities, causing an estimated $30-$50 billion in economic losses, and leaving over 45,000 families in need of short- or long-term housing. As the recovery effort continues, it is critically important to measure and understand how people and communities who were affected are coping with the disaster; how the affected region and the country as a whole understand the disaster; and how communities are recovering.

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