

International Center for Journalists/International Media Support announce the premier of Haiti's

Fund for Investigative Journalism in Haiti

WHAT IS FIJH: A fund set up specifically to help journalists who, individually or as a group of two or three, might otherwise not have the financial means or technological resources, skills or experience to complete an investigation (written, radio or television). This initiative is sponsored by two international organizations that support investigative journalism and the improvement of media and journalists worldwide: the International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) and International Media Support (IMS).

WHY FIJH? To instill a culture of investigative reporting.

To improve the quality of reporting in Haiti.

To help jumpstart a public demand for accountability.

WHAT WILL FIJH PROVIDE FOR JOURNALIST RECIPIENTS?

Between \$400-\$750 per person for a two-month project in addition to funding for expenses (travel, phone cards, copies, cyber café, etc.)

A coach to work one-on-one with an FIJH journalist recipient.

Translation of material and legal support, if necessary.

HOW DO I APPLY? Fill out the FIJH online application in full by December 16.

IS THERE A THEME? The first round of applications should focus on humanitarian aid earmarked for reconstruction following the January 2010 earthquake.

TIMELINE:

November 30: Open Question and Answer session for anyone interested in applying. 10:00 a.m.- Noon at Press Center, rue Butte #8 Bourdon.

December 5-6, 8-9: staff will help journalists with the application from 10:00-12 noon at the IMS offices on Bois Verna.

December 16: applications must be completed in full and filed electronically.

January 3: Judges from the Association for Haitian Journalists, the National Association of Media, the National Independent Media Association and Groupe Medialternatif will announce the winners.

January 10: Mandatory training for award recipients.

February 28: Investigations released/broadcast/published.

For more information go to <http://journalismeinvestigationhaiti.blogspot.com/>