



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY
Graduate School of Media and Communications

Frequently Asked Questions - Mobile Video Journalism Fellowship

1. What factors impact the selection process?

Applicants must be 21 years of age and older, and Kenyan citizens. The University shall be open to all persons of either sex as well as all religions, races, creeds, marital status, health status, ethnic or social origin, colour, age, disability, domicile, culture, language, birth or political belief who are qualified for admission to the fellowship offered by the University, and no such person shall be denied the privileges of the University on such grounds alone. Please note that best efforts will be made to ensure gender balance among the selected fellows.

2. Do I need experience as a journalist to apply?

Not necessarily. This fellowship is intended to teach storytellers how to use digital mobile journalism as a platform for their content. That being said, this is not a beginners training program; it is expected that the fellow will have experience in areas such as journalism, media, communications and video production in order to fully benefit from the program.

3. What if I am not able to commit full-time during March to August?

Then unfortunately the programme is not for you. Given that this fellowship is designed to train Kenyan storytellers on digital media journalism, applicants are required to be available during these months to work as paid staff in Kenyan newsrooms. They must also attend the boot camps and workshops on selected weekends (to be announced well in advance) to further enhance their skills and holistically benefit from the fellowship program.

4. Where will I be working if selected?

All successful candidates will be placed with a local Kenyan newsroom at the discretion of the partners involved and the determined skill sets needed. Various trainings and events will also be held at AKU-GSMC, 9 West Building, 7th Floor, Mkungu Close, P.O. Box 30270-00100, Nairobi, Kenya.

5. Will I be paid?

Yes, all selected fellows will receive the KES equivalent of \$600USD per month paid by The Aga Khan University Graduate School of Media and Communications. This equates to the KES equivalent of \$3,600USD for the duration of the program. The stipend will be distributed monthly beginning in March 2020.

6. How does the selection process work? What type of people are on the recruitment team?

The first stage of the application is to submit the application form and the required attachments in its entirety. Applicants will be shortlisted based on their availability to work full-time, thoughtful responses to the questions, their video submission, and experience. Representatives from Aga Khan University, Facebook and relevant experts will make the final selection.

7. When will I find out if I am selected?

The first-round of shortlisted candidates will be contacted by email with further instructions no later than Feb 10, 2020.

If you have any further questions, please send your inquiries to fellowship.gsmc@aku.edu