

Scripps Howard Fund provides \$75,000 in journalism grants to increase diversity and inclusion

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CINCINNATI – The Scripps Howard Fund is investing \$75,000 in journalism grants to universities and nonprofits across the country to help increase diversity and inclusion in the industry.

As part of its commitment to fostering environments where journalism students can actively participate and feel included, the Fund selected two universities and one nonprofit as recipients of its spring diversity and inclusion grants. The three winning organizations, selected from 77 applicants, submitted proposals demonstrating how its leaders would advance equity, diversity and inclusion in student media, journalism education and the journalism pipeline.

The three recipients of the grant are:

KU Endowment – The William Allen White School of Journalism & Mass Communications at the University of Kansas

The Fund is providing a \$16,000 grant to KU to benefit its “[Good Morning Indian Country](#)” news program. The weekly show is the only Native student-led weekly Native news and information program in the nation. It’s produced by students from Haskell Indian Nations University in partnership with Native News Online. Students who work on the show receive stipends, which help cover transportation and parking costs for them to come to the KU campus. The goal of “Good Morning Indian Country” is to provide authentic, fully formed representations of Native issues and to educate non-Native journalists and media consumers. Graduates of the program also receive networking help within the industry, with the goal of helping them get internships or full-time positions in newsrooms nationwide.

Southern Poverty Law Center

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) will receive a \$30,000 grant from the Fund for its Intelligence Project, which monitors hate and extremist groups through the United States and counters their influence by exposing their activities to the public, the media and policy makers. With the grant, SPLC plans to launch a journalism training workshop at Historically Black Colleges and Universities with the goal to build the capacity of Black journalism students, so they can educate and inform a national narrative and understanding of how white supremacy and racism shape and harm everyday lives. In partnership with Florida A&M University School of Journalism and Graphic Communication, participants will receive training and mentoring from the Intelligence Project’s managing editor and longtime journalist, Maria Mallory White. SPLC will select 32 students to participate in the yearlong project.

University of Texas at Arlington

The Fund will provide a \$29,000 grant to the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) to expand the Lone Star Sentinel and engage the next generation of diverse media professionals. Through its UTA News and UTA News en Español student newscasts, the program will enhance its coverage of Arlington – highlighting the voices and experiences of communities that are often underreported. The project will help fund a new cohort of 80 to 100 diverse student journalists who are engaged with the Arlington communities, including a team of eight fellows responsible for leading editorial and production activities. The cohort’s news stories will be a mix of beat reporting and enterprise journalism and will include at least one story from underreported demographics every two weeks and the production of a bi-monthly video news magazine with stories from in and around Arlington.

The Scripps Howard Fund is now accepting applications for the second round of diversity and inclusion grants. To apply, visit [the Fund’s website](#).

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About the Scripps Howard Fund

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