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Frequently Asked Questions

The Scripps Howard Fund is seeking innovative experiential learning ideas to provide post-secondary students from diverse backgrounds opportunities in journalism and foster environments where all journalism students can feel welcome and be meaningful contributors to the journalism ecosystem.

Diverse backgrounds include race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military background and more.

Universities and nonprofit organizations can apply for one-time grants of up to \$30,000 to address this challenge in a way that begins a new program or grows/shapes a specific existing project. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2024. Grant recipients will be selected and funds disbursed in June.

Programs aimed at high school students and internship programs are not eligible for these grants.

How can I apply?

Applications are available [here](#). You will have to make an account through our grant-making software.

How do I get help if I am having technical issues with the application?

Any technical issues, please contact Patrick Points at ppoints@ignitephilanthropy.com or 513-401-8488.

When is the deadline?

The deadline is April 15.

What is the purpose of the grant?

The purpose of these grants is to use experiential learning to:

- Advance equity, diversity and inclusion in student media, journalism education and the journalism pipeline while providing access to mentors and networks.
- Prepare students for professional and public challenges and pressures they may face as journalists of color or members of other under-represented groups.
- Foster connections and understanding between students from various backgrounds and institutions and equip students to deliver inclusive journalism that ensures all voices in a community are represented.

Proposals may address any of these purposes or a combination of them. Grants could begin a new program or enhance a project that extends a successful existing program.

Who is eligible?

Universities and 501(c)3 organizations based in the United States are eligible to apply. Organizations that have fiscal sponsors that are 501(c)3 nonprofits are also eligible.

Are internship programs eligible?

Internship programs are not eligible.

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Can I partner with another organization?

Yes, partnerships are welcomed.

Can existing programs qualify for this grant?

Existing programs can qualify for this grant – if the program can clearly demonstrate how the grant dollars would be used to expand.

How long do I have to use the grant dollars?

The initial budget proposal can outline the way the funds are used. The hope would be that grant dollars will be used in the 2024-2025 academic year. However, if there is a compelling reason to delay using the funds, that can be outlined in the application and proposed budget. The final grant period would be spelled out in the grant agreement. If after the initial budget, funds are not spent in the year the grantee could request an amendment to the grant agreement to extend the grant period. The Scripps Howard Fund is not obligated to extend the timeframe in which the dollars can be used beyond what is spelled out in the grant agreement.

Will there be additional grant opportunities from the Scripps Howard Fund this year?

We do not anticipate any additional grant opportunities or open applications in 2024.

Are indirect costs allowed?

Indirect costs are not eligible for grant funding.

Are there any expenses the grant cannot be used for?

Indirect costs are not eligible for grant funding. Expenses that support building the program such as salary and technology are acceptable.

Is this grant renewable?

No.

Does the proposed program have to be academic? Can it be a reporting project?

It can be either. There is room for creativity and innovation. The winning applicants will involve experiential learning for college students.

Is there a requirement for the education level of students impacted by the program?

The goal is to target college students of any level. Programs for high school students are not eligible.

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What is in the application?

You are required to provide information about program participants, program activities, program staffing and structure, goals and measures and the program's budget. The full application is available [here](#).

How will applications be judged/considered?

A review committee led by the Scripps Howard Fund will evaluate proposals using a rubric. The rubric will follow the application questions. There is no preference on the rank of the program leader and programs of all sizes will be considered.

What should my budget look like?

Your budget should make it clear what the grant dollars will be used for. Budget documents that only provide an overall project budget with the Diversity and Inclusion Grant listed as a revenue source will not be successful.

What should I expect if my proposal is successful?

The Scripps Howard Fund values mutually trusting relationships with our grantees. In addition to funding, the Scripps Howard Fund will help promote the program.

The winning university or organization will be required to:

- Implement the program no later than the 2024-25 academic year.
- Submit a report on activities, successes, challenges and learnings after the grant period.
- Identify and provide success measures, including but not limited to diversity of students in the program, best practices and information sharing and student learning.

When will recipients be selected?

Finalists will be selected by June 15.