About

With shrinking media budgets around the world, many newsworthy stories on real solutions to global challenges are often missing out on being reported. More than 160 Laureates of the Right Livelihood Award, known as the ‘Alternative Nobel Prize’, provide fertile ground for such stories. In 2017, the Right Livelihood Award Foundation is launching a small grant scheme to support impartial and high-quality reporting on the work of ‘Alternative Nobel’ Laureates and, in doing so, put the spotlight on the issues that matter.

Grants

A total of five small grants for journalists will be disbursed in 2017. The grants will cover reasonable travel, accommodation and communication costs related to the selected story, as well as a modest honorarium. All successful applicants will be requested to sign a grant agreement prior to disbursement of funds and provide adequate justification for the costs incurred upon the completion of the assignment. Should reporting not take place for reasons other than force majeure, the Foundation reserves the right to revoke the funding.

Applicants

Applicants can be print, online, photo and broadcast journalists (staff or freelance), or journalism students in their final year of studies. Applicants can be based anywhere in the world, however they must produce the report
in one of the following languages: Arabic, English, French, German, Hindi, Russian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish or Turkish.

**Applications**

All applicants must complete the application form (see below) for consideration by the Steering Committee with an indication of the story angle, the Right Livelihood Laureate(s) to be featured, the media outlet(s) approached for publication, and the indicative budget.

**Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee includes Right Livelihood Award Laureates, as well as senior journalism and media capacity building experts. The Steering Committee’s decision is final.

**Deadline**

The deadline for applications is 15 June 2017. The successful applicants will be announced on 1 July 2017. All selected grantees must complete their reports before the end of 2017.

**Use of materials**

The journalists retain full editorial control and copyright of the story; the Right Livelihood Award Foundation reserves the right to use all associated materials (photo, video and copy) free of charge in its own communications.

**About the Right Livelihood Award**

The Right Livelihood Award was established in 1980 to “honour and support courageous people and organisations offering visionary and exemplary solutions to the root causes of global problems”. It has become widely known as the ‘Alternative Nobel Prize’ and there are now 166 Laureates from 68 countries. In addition to presenting the annual awards, the Right Livelihood Award Foundation supports its Laureates, particularly those who may be in danger due to the nature of their work. Jakob von Uexkull, a Swedish-German professional philatelist, sold his business to provide the original funding. Since then, the awards have been financed by individual donors. In 2016, the four Laureates equally shared the cash award of SEK 3 million (ca. EUR 320 000).
Please provide 2-3 examples of your previous work

If possible, please provide a letter from your employer/editor/professor confirming their agreement to your participation in the grant scheme.

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How long have you been a journalist?

Name of employer/university/media outlet you regularly work for

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What is your story idea? Why is it important?

Which Right Livelihood Award Laureate(s) is the story linked to and how?

Is it an under-reported topic? If so, why? If not, how would you create a fresh angle for the story?
Who would you interview for the story? How would you conduct the interviews (in person/by phone/Skype/email)?

Which media outlets are you planning to publish the story in? Have you worked with them before? Have you approached them about this story idea?

What is the estimated budget for this project? Do you have other sources of funding?

What was the most meaningful journalistic story you have ever worked on? Why?
What motivates you about the work of the Right Livelihood Award Laureates?

How did you hear about the Reporting Right Livelihood journalism grant scheme?

Do you have any other comments?

Please send your completed application form via email to communications@rightlivelihood.org by 15 June 2017. Late applications will not be considered.