

About the bursary

Lyra McKee was a Northern Irish journalist who was shot dead by dissident republicans in Derry in spring 2019.

We knew Lyra personally at the CIJ. She attended #CIJSummer Conferences and training in London and Dublin.

The CIJ Lyra McKee Investigative Journalism Training Bursary was inspired by Lyra's determination to become an investigative journalist. Despite personal disability, the need to care for her disabled mother as well as fighting the in-built bias against working-class entrants to journalism, Lyra fought tirelessly to question the power dynamics behind investigative journalism, and make the field more accessible.

This bursary aims to train a generation of investigative journalists from backgrounds currently underrepresented in the UK media.

We especially welcome applications from people from poorer backgrounds, people of colour, people with disabilities, carers, Irish Travellers/Roma and Gypsy communities, the LGBTQ community or anyone who cannot afford to pay for the #CIJSummer training.

It is open to UK or Republic of Ireland residents only.

The bursary scheme is funded by the Lorana Sullivan Foundation and by the Lyra McKee Foundation.

About #CIJSummer Investigative Journalism Conference

25-27 June 2020

#CIJSummer Conference is an annual training conference designed for editors, journalists, researchers, activists, academics and students, but it is open to all. It has been taking place annually for the past 16 years.

The aim is to provide cutting-edge classroom-based training in investigative journalism, to showcase, discuss and learn from some of the best investigations and to provide a friendly space for networking and making professional contacts.

The training provided is not country-specific, but tends to be focused on the methods and techniques used by the European/Transatlantic media, both mainstream and independent.

The majority of the attendees are from the UK.

Bursary eligibility criteria

The Lyra McKee Journalism Training Bursaries scheme is open to people who aspire to be journalists or who are at the early stages of their journalistic career.

It is open only to those who for financial reasons are unable to attend #CIJSummer Investigative Journalism Conference and who have no other means to fund their place (costs covered by employers, for example), and are residents of the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland.

Bursary merit criteria

Once the eligibility criteria are satisfied, the selection will be based on the applicants' track record of journalism/writing, so it is important to answer the questions in the 'Reasons for Applying' section thoroughly and give examples of your work. You do not have to be a journalist, but showing some commitment or enthusiasm to the field is essential.

Financial

The Lyra McKee Journalism Training Bursary Fund has limited funds, so we will evaluate the needs of the candidates on an individual basis. If a candidate is able to cover some of the costs associated with attending #CIJSummer, for example travel or accommodation, the Lyra McKee Journalism Training Bursaries fund will cover the rest and the saved amount will go towards funding more places.

These calculations are not part of the selection criteria. If an applicant fulfills both the eligibility and merit criteria, they will be offered a place regardless of their ability to pay for any associated expenses. Additional daily allowance funding is available for recipients who need it.

All bursary recipients are required to pay a partial participation fee of £20/£80 depending on their circumstances upon acceptance of the bursary.

“[The bursary] gave me confidence to know that it is possible for someone like me to work [in the media], and gave me access to a plethora of knowledge and contacts which I would never have had access to otherwise”.

CIJ Lyra McKee Investigative Journalism Training Bursary 2020

Diversifying investigative journalism

The bursary aims to train people from underrepresented backgrounds, who aspire to become journalists, or who are journalists at the very early stages of their career.

Recipients will attend #CIJSummer Investigative Journalism Conference 2020 at Goldsmiths, University of London, on 25-27 June 2020

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Testimonials:



I had previously thought that being an investigative journalist was a far-off-dream career that I didn't really understand and didn't know how to pursue. The CIJ showed the difficulty of pursuing investigative work, but it demystified the process as well. I also felt encouraged by the feeling of belonging to a collective of people who had the shared belief and desire to hold power to account. It was invaluable to have met and made friends with the other recipients of the bursary."



I really appreciated the welcome and warmth of the CIJ staff. The welcome party for example was a really thoughtful idea."



The experience blew my mind! I had no expectations before attending, but even if I did, the experience would have exceeded it."

Top 5 most useful hands-on skills taught at #CIJSummer Conference*

*As voted for by the 2019 bursary recipients

Open-Source Investigations

Freedom of Information Act

Story-Based Inquiry Method (investigative methodology)

Financial Journalism

Data Journalism

Bursary funders:

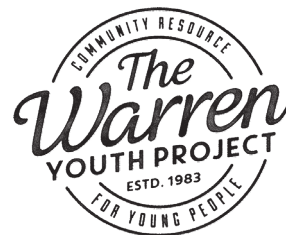
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19 April 2020

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