



# Application for Development Writers Program 2010-2011



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## **Development Writers Training Program Application and Program Information 2010-2011**

### **About MediaGlobal:**

Launched in 2006, **MediaGlobal** is a 501(c)3 international media organization headquartered in New York with offices in the United Nations Secretariat. The purpose of the organization is to create awareness within the global media community on issues of social justice and development in the world's Least Developed Countries.

With a strong focus on the global South, **MediaGlobal** disseminates news stories globally on economic development, global health, food security and the impact of climate change on developing countries. In addition to **MediaGlobal's** strong online presence, the organization distributes news stories to active media correspondents, policymakers in donor countries, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and key personnel in the United Nations Secretariat.

In committed partnership with the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, and the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, MediaGlobal directs global media coverage of developing countries by reporting on stories that highlight the impact of current events on marginalized sectors of the developing world. The mission of **MediaGlobal** is two-fold, to humanize the daily struggles of those living in the developing world as they raise families, attend school, or run businesses, and to train a new generation of journalists to effectively report on development-related issues.



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## **Program Description:**

**MediaGlobal** offers both three and six-month, full time rigorous training programs for aspiring journalists and writers to learn about, and report on development issues, the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and on issues of climate and global change. In addition to a first-hand opportunity to learn more about issues of development, **MediaGlobal's** Young Writers Development Program offers educational training in journalism ethics and the business models that are needed to sustain careers in independent media and non-profit work.

Based at the United Nations Secretariat in New York City, **MediaGlobal's** Development Writers work closely with the international media at the United Nations, media in donor countries, civil society, the private sector and other development agencies, including senior officials at the United Nations. Development Writers receive United Nations press credentials to attend meetings and press conferences. Each week Development Writers are expected to write three interview-based articles and two news briefs for the weekly newsletter, ***This Week In Development***. The program is unpaid.

## **Training Session & Application Deadlines:**

### **Six Month Sessions:**

**Session One:** 6 September 2010 to 4 March 2011

*Application Deadline:* 16 July 2010 (**EXTENDED TO 30 JULY**)

**Session Two:** 10 January to 31 June 2011

*Application Deadline:* 8 October 2010

**Session Three:** 14 March to 16 September 2011

*Application Deadline:* 21 January 2011

**Session Four:** 11 July 2011 to 5 January 2012

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### **Three Month Sessions:**

**Session One:** 16 August 2010 to 12 November 2010

*Application Deadline:* 16 July 2010 (**EXTENDED TO 30 JULY**)

**Session Two:** 20 September 2010 to 17 December 2010

*Application Deadline:* 20 August 2010

**Session Three:** 24 January 2011 to 22 April 2011

*Application Deadline:* 6 December 2010

**Session Four:** 21 February 2011 to 20 May 2011

*Application Deadline:* 21 January 2011

Please note that the deadline date refers to the date by which applications must be postmarked. Application deadlines are fixed, no exceptions. **MediaGlobal** will not review applications submitted after the deadline, or incomplete applications. You will only receive a confirmation email if we receive your complete application package. Each application must be sent in with a US\$25.00 administration fee, to be paid online. All application components should be submitted electronically to **media@mediaglobal.org**.



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## **Qualifications & Requirements of Applicants:**

The Development Writers Training Program is open to 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate students, graduate students, as well as post-graduate professionals, who are seeking specific training as journalists reporting on development issues in and on the Least Developed Countries. Students should be enrolled at an institution of higher education within six (6) months prior to the start date of the program and be able to provide transcripts or acceptance letters to their respective program. Post-graduate professionals must provide additional credentials (See below).

### **Applicants must provide the following for consideration:**

#### *4<sup>th</sup> Year Undergraduates and Graduate Candidates:*

- 1) Completed application
- 2) One official transcript
- 3) Resume
- 4) Personal statement of interest
- 5) Two letters of recommendation (Professional & Academic preferred)
- 6) Two published or non-published news articles

#### *Post-Graduates and Young Professionals:*

- 1) Completed application
- 2) Resume
- 3) Personal statement of interest
- 4) Three letters of recommendation (Professional preferred).
- 5) Three published or non-published news articles.

The personal letter should indicate your goals, outline what you expect to contribute to the **MediaGlobal** team, and describe how you believe the program will enhance your education and career plans. College transcripts and recommendations may be submitted directly to **MediaGlobal** via email at **media@mediaglobal.org**. However, please mention this in your initial submission of your application to the email above.

After your application is received, **MediaGlobal** will forward a confirmation of your received application, as well as a link where you will be able to submit your application fee online. If chosen as a preliminary finalist for the program, you will be invited to the United Nations in New York City for an interview with the Executive Director and Editorial staff.



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## **Fees, Visa & Sponsorship, Accommodations:**

**MediaGlobal** does not sponsor or pay for visas to the United States for applicants coming from other countries. All candidates must arrange their own travel and accommodation in New York City, with sufficient funds to sustain them during a 3 or 6-month period. **MediaGlobal**, will provide verification of your acceptance to the program in order to obtain a visa from your home country.

The United Nations provides a comprehensive list of housing/accommodations within the New York and tri-state area, which can be found here:

[www.un.org/dept/OHRM/sds/internsh/htm/UN%20Housing%20list.pdf](http://www.un.org/dept/OHRM/sds/internsh/htm/UN%20Housing%20list.pdf)

**MediaGlobal** encourages students and professionals traveling from abroad to obtain travelers insurance for emergency purposes including hospitalization, emergency travel back to your home country, or any other circumstance that would require additional funds at short notice.



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**APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT WRITERS PROGRAM**

**Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Choose One:**

- 4th Year Undergraduate Student
- Graduate Student
- Post-graduate/Professional

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education History:**

<b>School:</b>	<b>Dates Attended:</b>	<b>Major Area of Study:</b>	<b>Degree Completed:</b>
High School/Primary			
Undergraduate			
Graduate			



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**Please select the session(s) for which you are applying:**

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**\*\*Please answer the following questions. An additional page may be added.**

How did you hear about the Development Writers Program?

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What are your career goals as it relates to this program?

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I certify that I have answered the information as required by this application, accurately and truthfully, to the best of my knowledge and hereby submit it for review to MediaGlobal.

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Signature

Date



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## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

**The following contact information is required on this form. Recommendations received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### *REFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION:*

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province/Terr.: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach an additional letter detailing the following information regarding your relationship to the applicant:**

- \* The length of time and in what capacity you know the applicant.
- \* Commentary on the applicant's university or professional development.
- \* An assessment of applicant's ability: strengths, weaknesses, level of seriousness.
- \* How acceptance to this program will benefit the applicant and MediaGlobal.

**Please feel free to attach an additional sheet or write the recommendation on your letterhead.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY  
AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Each applicant must complete the following statement of financial responsibility, detailing your plans and financial stability while in New York City for the six or three months duration.

**Statement of Financial Responsibility (Applicant--Required):**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare that I will be able to financially support myself in New York City for the duration of my stay.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**IF APPLICABLE (Not Required)**

**Statement of Financial Responsibility (Legal Guardian/Sponsor):**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare that I will financially sponsor the abovementioned applicant while in New York City working with MediaGlobal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Emergency Contact Information (Required):**

Please list at least two emergency contacts in your home country. MediaGlobal will make contact with these individuals in case of an emergency:

*Contact #1*

*Contact #2*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_