

The Mary Raftery Journalism Fund was established by the family and friends of investigative journalist Mary Raftery. The aim of the fund is to promote good practice in ethical, in-depth investigative journalism on issues close to Mary's heart and in the areas on which she focused her groundbreaking investigative work.

The Bursary and Traineeship in Investigative Journalism, in association with the Mary Raftery Journalism Fund and The Irish Times will award the successful applicant with an opportunity to undertake a three-month traineeship with the Irish Times. During this time, the successful applicant will receive training in working on a story as part of a team, as well as producing three original pieces of work, published by The Irish Times provided the editors deem it to be of sufficient quality.

The deadline for applications is **5pm Monday, 16th May 2016**.

Applications will only be accepted by email ([info@maryrafteryfund.ie](mailto:info@maryrafteryfund.ie)).

### 1. Contact Information

*The person named in this section will be responsible to the organisers and administrators of The Mary Raftery Journalism Fund.*

Name:

Address:

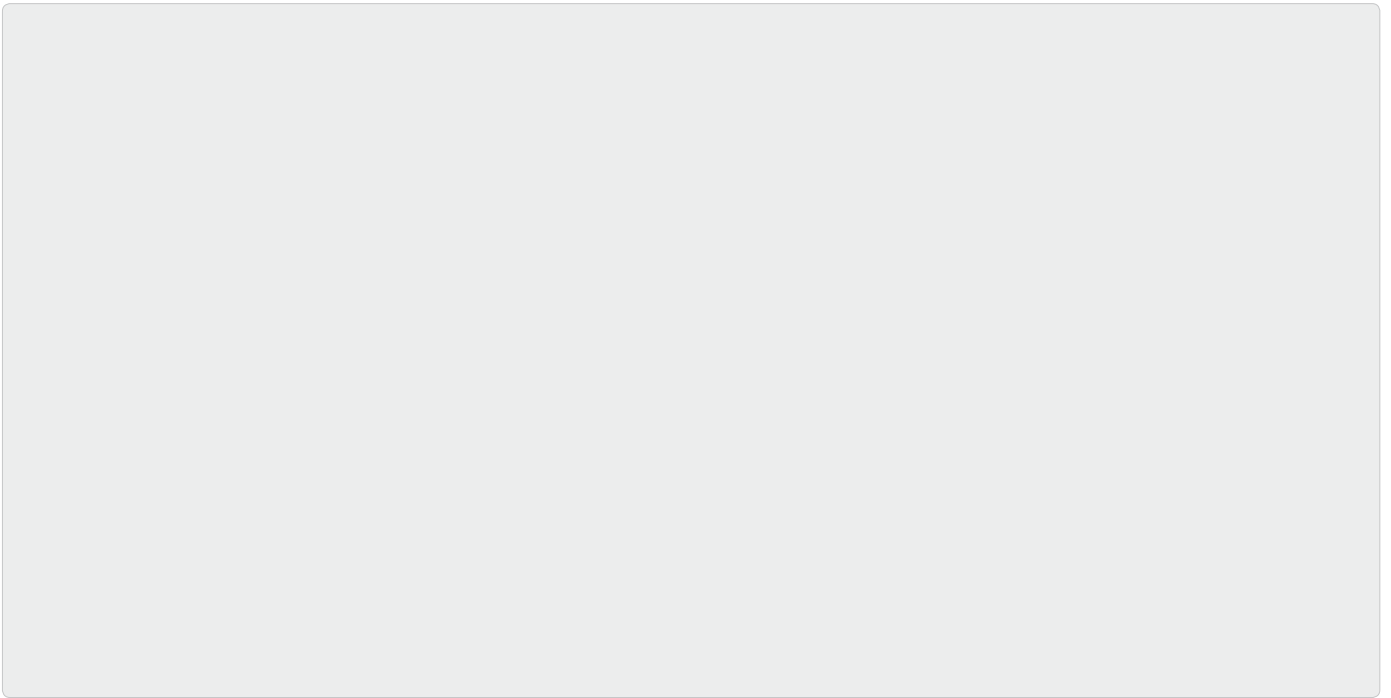
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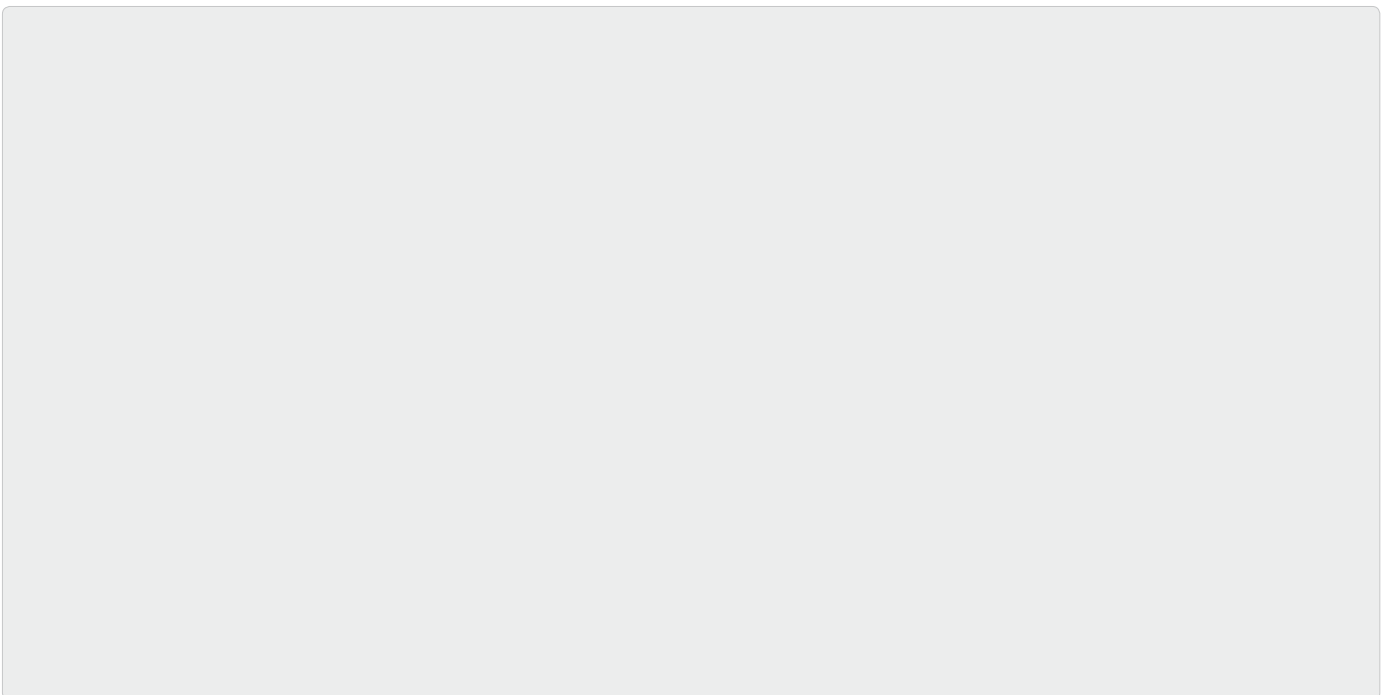
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## 2. Experience

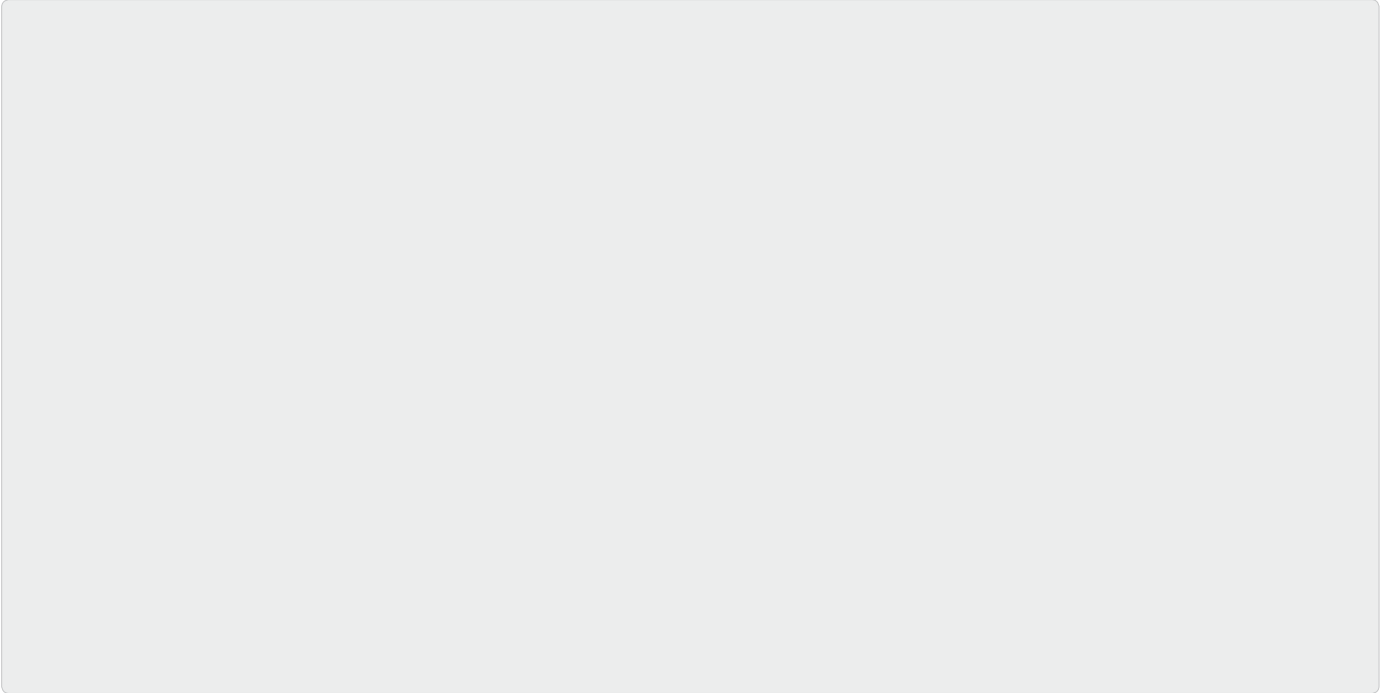
2.1. Please detail your relevant qualifications (Max 250 Words):



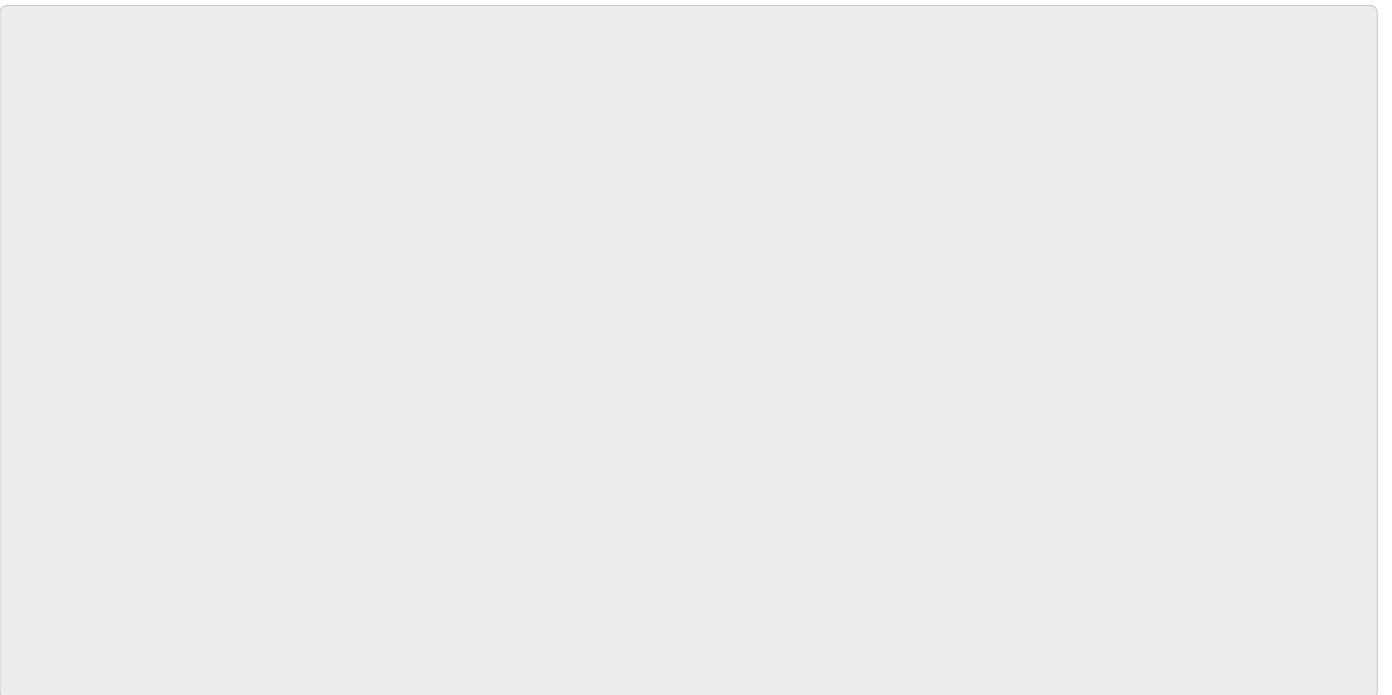
2.2. Please detail your relevant work experience (Max 250 Words):



2.3. Please detail your relevant investigative journalism experience (Max 250 Words):



2.4. Please detail other experience you feel is relevant to your application (Max 250 Words):



### 3. Story Ideas

Please detail two story ideas including: details on how you will explore your proposed topic; the key messages expected to result from your story; the target audience and any other relevant information. You may also like to include details of the investigative methods you propose to use; the people you intend to interview (on the record); and how your end product will appear / sound.

#### 3.1 Story Idea 1 (Max 1,000 words)

Proposed title:

Type of Project:

Estimated reach:

Summary:

3.2 Story Idea 2 (Max 1,000 words)

Proposed title:

Type of Project:

Estimated reach:

Summary:

## 4. Samples of Your Work

All applications must be accompanied by samples of your work demonstrating your journalistic capacity and your ability to undertake in-depth research. Please note: this work does not have to have been published in any media outlet previously but should be in a media format – work that you have produced for a college course which is in media format is acceptable, as is work previously published or broadcast in media outlets (including college media outlets). Applicants should not submit academic essays or other work that does not demonstrate journalistic capacity. Please submit two samples of your work along with this application form. Samples of print / online articles should be no longer than 1,000 words each.

Tick this box to confirm that you have submitted samples of your work along with this application form:

## 5. Suitability

5.1. Why do you want a place on the investigative journalism course? (Max 250 Words):

5.2 Please include additional information that is relevant to your application. (Max 250 Words):

## Guidelines

- The Bursary and Traineeship is open to all full-time or part-time third-level students over the age of 18, including students at institutes of further education; institutes of technology; universities; and those participating in PLC (Post-Leaving Certificate) courses. It is also open to graduates of the above mentioned institutions who have graduated in the past five years.
- Entries will only be accepted from students and graduates (who have graduated in the past five years) from third-level educational institution based in the Republic of Ireland.
- Team entries or joint applications will not be accepted.
- Entries are welcome from students and graduates of all disciplines; however, students are required to demonstrate journalistic capacity and their ability to undertake in-depth research by submitting samples of their work with their application forms.
- Applications will only be accepted if received on or before **5pm Monday, 16th May 2016**.
- Applications will be accepted by email only. The completed application form should be submitted to [info@maryrafteryfund.ie](mailto:info@maryrafteryfund.ie).
- Applicants will receive official confirmation from the fund administrators, DHR Communications, once applications have been received.
- The judging panel will select a shortlist from the applications received, who will be invited to attend an interview in mid-May.
- The interview panel will choose one successful applicant. Applications will be judged on the following criteria:
  - Overall quality of the proposal.
  - Demonstrated capacity to undertake research-based media projects.

## Further Information

If you have questions about The Mary Raftery Journalism Fund, or any aspect of the application process, please contact:

### The Mary Raftery Journalism Fund

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