



Panos Eastern Africa

Media Fellowship opportunity 2011

Application deadline: 12:00pm 6th, April, 2011

Strengthening Public Interest Reporting on Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction in Eastern Africa

When governments take decisions related to the economy, say on taxes or wages, investments or working conditions, the lives of citizens get impacted, positively or otherwise. Countries in East African region have had a significant fast economic growth over the last 20 years but, scholars and CSOs, often question whether the growth necessarily translated into improved wellbeing of a broader majority of citizens.

Media Fellowship

The fellowship, run by PEA (Panos Eastern Africa) in partnership with Panos London, seeks to strengthen the interest and expertise of selected journalists in Kenya and Tanzania. Successful journalists will benefit from a mentorship programme run by experienced editor mentors who will support them develop their story ideas and provide support throughout the fellowship process. This will help the journalists produce a set of stories that successfully engage different audiences, and also nurture the skills they need to identify and research stories after the fellowship.

Two of the best stories will be featured on the Panos London website linked to Panos Eastern Africa website and used for wider international public debate.

What does the Fellowship include?

The fellowship is aimed at providing an opportunity for journalists to investigate, report, engage researchers, policy makers and rural communities on economic growth and poverty reduction.

Successful applicants will receive financial support to cover the travel costs to investigate and document stories over a period of one month.

Key dates

The 2011 Fellowship will run from **April 2011- May 2011**

The closing date for applications is **6th, April, 2011**

Successful applicants will be notified by 10, April, 2011

Who can apply?

- Applicants must be resident journalists in Kenya/Tanzania and working with a media house.
- Must be able to demonstrate clear interest and competence in covering economic growth and poverty reduction issues in order to participate fully and gain the most from the fellowship.
- Must be eager and ready to further develop their skill and seek greater challenges in journalism.

- Up to 10 practicing print journalists in each country willing to grow in the area of reporting economic growth and poverty reduction will benefit from the fellowship programme.

Selection criteria:

The following criteria will be followed when selecting applicants;

- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Experience in writing stories on economic growth and poverty reduction
- 2/3 years writing for a media house.
- Hands on journalist (not an academic or theoretician)
- Has a practical and worthwhile idea of how the fellowship might be used.
- Has not participated in a similar Fellowship before
- Evidence of drive and motivation in your career and associated field of journalism

Requirements

- Letters from 2 referees (one should be from your Editor)
- Personal statement indicating how you intend to use the fellowship
- CV indicating your experience for the last 2 to 3 years
- Written permission from your Editor/Employer to participate in the fellowship.

Please note that applicants must have written permission from their media houses to participate in the fellowship.

Send your applications to lucy.atim@panosea.org

Any applications that reach us after the deadline shall not be considered.

- For any additional information, please email info@panosea.org, or visit www.panosea.org

