# The Semester at Sea Global Journalism & Integrated Communications Fellowship is an opportunity for students to hone their reporting, digital storytelling, and critical thinking skills over the course of a Semester at Sea voyage. Students will pitch and author articles for their host university newspaper. Selected fellows will need to work closely with their home campus newspaper editor- in-chief to approve and publish a series of articles during their voyage. Students currently pursuing a degree in journalism, communications, English, or similar are strongly encouraged to apply.

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# Students will:

* Be supervised by the shipboard Communications/PR Coordinator
* Gain practical experience writing articles for their campus newspaper
* Receive a $5,000 grant towards their SAS program fees
* Write a minimum of nine articles during their voyage to submit to their home camps newspaper
* Have the option to theme their article series (e.g. service learning abroad, environmental polices abroad, international cuisines, cross cultural comparative media studies).

# Student Eligibility Requirements:

* The Institute for Shipboard Education will select candidates.
* Student must meet all Semester at Sea admission requirements and be officially admitted to their voyage prior to being considered for the Fellowship.
* Student must have the ability to meet deadlines.
* This Fellowship is open to students currently pursuing a degree in journalism, communications, English, or similar field requiring extensive writing skills.
* In order to confirm participation and corresponding grant, selected fellows must return a completed contract signed by their newspaper’s Editor in Chief. This contract will confirm that fellows have gotten prior approval stating that their articles will be considered for first publication.
* Students are required to enroll as full-time students in the Semester at Sea program and are expected to fully participate in the academic program.

# Student Requirements during the Voyage:

* Write a minimum of one article highlighting the shipboard experience, one profile of a member of the shipboard community, and eight articles highlighting their in-port experience throughout the voyage.
* Student must maintain homeschool eligibility to submit articles for publication in their home campus newspaper.

**To be considered for this fellowship, please submit the following:**

* Application
* Resume
* Cover Letter
* Three Journalistic Writing Samples
* Letter of Recommendation from campus newspaper’s Editor in Chief
* Personal Statement

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

Voyage: Spring 20\_\_\_\_\_ Fall 20\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1**

Academics

Home School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any academic awards or honors: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Main Campus Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Editor in Chief of Campus Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current staff member? €Yes €No

If yes, current position: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you already contacted your Editor in Chief to inform them of this fellowship opportunity?** €Yes €No *(If No, you may not be eligible for this fellowship)*

**Have you verified your eligibility to submit articles for publication consideration during your voyage?** €Yes €No *(If No, you may not be eligible for this fellowship)*

**Section 2**

Work Experience

Please submit a resume and cover letter along with your application. Address what specifically in your work history will prepare you for the Global Journalism & Integrated Communications Fellowship on board the *MV Explorer*.

**Section 3**

Journalism Experience

Please list any writing awards you have received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit three writing samples (preferably published) highlighting your strengths as a writer.

**Section 4**

Personal Statement

Social media networks such as Facebook and Twitter have grown tremendously in recent years, resulting in substantial impacts on the sharing of information, often affecting the significance of print media sources. What are some of the opportunities and challenges of relying on social media for information sharing? What is the role of the modern journalist in an increasing digital landscape?

Please limit response to 500 words.

**By signing below I hereby certify that all statements in this application and related materials are true. I authorize the Office of Financial Aid of the Institute for Shipboard Education to release my aid information to government agencies for reporting purposes.**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Applications must arrive in the ISE office by the due date listed**

**for your voyage on the Semester at Sea website.**

**Faxed applications will not be accepted.**

Applications should be mailed to: PO Box 400885, Charlottesville, VA 22904

For Courier or Overnight Delivery: 2410 Old Ivy Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903

OR

Applications may be e-mailed to [scholarships@isevoyages.org](mailto:scholarships@isevoyages.org).

Note: All application components should be condensed into *one* PDF file.

*Applications with more than one attachment will not be accepted.*

Phone: 800/854-0195 Email: [financialaid@isevoyages.org](mailto:financialaid@isevoyages.org) for questions.