



What is the Journalism Diversity Fund?

The fund has been set up by those in the industry who want to join together to support the training of journalists from ethnically and socially diverse backgrounds. Editors recognise it is vital that journalists reporting the news reflect the communities they serve.

Bursaries are available to those without the financial means to attend NCTJ-accredited courses. Courses are run at universities, colleges and independent training providers across the UK.

The fund was launched in 2005, with financial support from NLA media access. They continue to support the ongoing development and financing of the fund with annual donations.

Applicants will need to demonstrate a genuine commitment to journalism as well as the drive and determination to be successful in obtaining a bursary.

Other sponsors from the industry include Associated Newspapers, Sky, Pearson, Press Association and Thomson Reuters. The fund has also received generous in-kind support from The Scott Trust, *The Guardian*, BBC, News UK, *The Observer* and the Society of Editors.

Start your story, take the first step

The selection process begins with your application. This lets us get to know you, your background and your aptitude for journalism.

Each entry is then reviewed and shortlisted by a team, who represent a variety of different media sectors, recommending who goes forward.

The final stage is an interview with a panel of senior journalists and editors from across the industry. You will be quizzed on your passion for journalism, financial need and diversity. Shortly after the interview, you will be told if you have been successful in your application.

You must apply and be awarded a bursary before your course starts. The fund is open four times a year, from April to November, and you can re-apply if you have been previously unsuccessful.

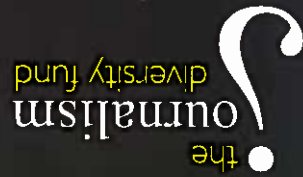
Thomas Read bursary

The Thomas Read bursary was set up by the Read family in memory of their son Thomas, a journalist at Sky Sports News who passed away in January 2015. This is an annual award that goes to the bursary candidate who best displays the characteristics of Thomas Read.

You can find out more at www.thomasread.org

With our help
you could...

- Have the costs of your NCTJ-accredited course and examination fees paid for
- Gain support from a personal mentor, a successful working journalist, to provide advice, insight and guidance while you complete your training
- Complete the NCTJ qualification editors ask for
- Equip yourself with the vocational skills required to embark on a successful career in journalism
- Get work placements at leading publishing companies while completing your training
- Receive contributions to your living expenses during your training
- Get a head start in one of the most exciting careers around



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You can make the news

Become a journalist with our help

We are looking for people from diverse backgrounds who need help funding their journalism training. Bursaries are available for those with the potential to succeed in one of the most exciting and rewarding careers around.

