

Scripps Howard Foundation announces inaugural class of journalism fellows

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CINCINNATI –The Scripps Howard Foundation has selected four journalists for the inaugural class of its Scripps Howard Fellowship program.

The Scripps Howard Fellows were selected from more than 540 applicants to complete the yearlong program, which will run from June 2018 through May 2019.

The fellowship is offered in partnership with ProPublica, an independent, nonprofit newsroom in New York City, and with the Scripps Washington Bureau and Newsy, Scripps' next-generation national news network, in the nation's capital.

“Since our founding, the Scripps Howard Foundation has made it our mission to develop the next generation of leaders in journalism,” said Liz Carter, president and CEO of the Scripps Howard Foundation. “We believe this program will help these journalists continue to develop the skills needed to uncover the stories that shape our communities as well as the qualities needed to lead effectively.”

The 2018-2019 Scripps Howard Fellows:

Aysha Bagchi: A 2017 graduate of Harvard Law School and a 2012 Rhodes Scholar, Bagchi's interest in journalism was sparked by her experiences writing for The Stanford Daily as an undergraduate student. Bagchi will work in the Scripps Washington Bureau and with Newsy.

Kenny Jacoby: Currently working as a freelance reporter, Jacoby is an award-winning journalist whose work has been recognized by the nonprofit organization Investigative Reporters and Editors. A 2017 graduate of the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in journalism, he has written investigative stories for Sports Illustrated, The Washington Post, NBC and The Chronicle of Higher Education. Jacoby will work in the Scripps Washington Bureau and with Newsy.

Sophie Chou: A data journalist at Public Radio International in Boston, Chou received her master's degree in media arts and sciences from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Columbia University. She previously served as a researcher for the Pew Research Center via a fellowship with Google News. Chou will work at ProPublica.

Jessica Ramirez: An award-winning producer and journalist, Ramirez specializes in audience engagement and storytelling. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication and Media Studies from California State University, East Bay. She has been placed at ProPublica in New York City, where she will work as an engagement reporter.



The Fellows will spend the year working side by side with reporters and editorial leaders in those two newsrooms. They also will participate in exclusive off-site sessions focused on building leadership, project management and entrepreneurial skills.

The application period for the 2019-2020 Scripps Howard Foundation Fellowship begins on Sept. 1, 2018. More information will be available at scripps.com/foundation.

About The Scripps Howard Foundation

The [Scripps Howard Foundation](http://scripps.com/foundation) supports philanthropic causes important to The E.W. Scripps Company (NYSE: SSP) and the communities it serves, with a special emphasis on excellence in journalism. At the crossroads of the classroom and the newsroom, the Foundation is a leader in supporting journalism education, scholarships, internships, minority recruitment and development, literacy and First Amendment causes. The [Scripps Howard Awards](http://scripps.com/awards) stand as one of the industry's top honors for outstanding journalism. The Foundation improves lives and helps build thriving communities. It partners with Scripps brands to create awareness of local issues and supports impactful organizations to drive solutions.

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