



Media Fellowship Programme

# IMAGING OUR MEKONG

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Inter Press Service (IPS) Asia-Pacific and Probe Media Foundation Inc (PMFI) are inviting journalists, photojournalists and television journalists to apply for the eighth round (2011–12) of the Mekong media fellowship programme entitled **'Imaging Our Mekong'**. This annual fellowship focuses on the vision of the Mekong region at a time of globalisation, paying special attention to transboundary issues as a result of regional development.

Imaging Our Mekong is open to nationals of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and China. There are 15 fellowship slots in the 2011–12 cycle for five writers, two photojournalists and eight television journalists, men and women who have had at least three years' experience in media.

The Imaging Our Mekong programme ([www.newsmekong.org](http://www.newsmekong.org)), coordinated by IPS Asia-Pacific and PMFI, is supported by the Rockefeller Foundation (Asia Regional Office), Bangkok, Thailand.

It encourages the analysis of cross-border issues relevant to the development of countries and communities in the Mekong region, using a regional lens that goes beyond traditional news as well as national and political borders.

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Fellowship applications must focus on the exploration of a cross-border topic (one that links or involves two countries in the region). Priority will be given to story proposals, including on under-reported issues, that have a variety of sources and give a voice and a face to different sectors and communities, including marginalised groups.

The chosen fellows will have creative room to develop the subjects of their reportage/photojournalistic work and documentary film production, which may range from international relations to health and gender, culture and ethnicity, economics and the environment, and issues linked to economic integration.

The phases of the fellowship are:

- Screening and selection of applications (application forms and work plan forms are available in English and Mekong languages on [www.newsmekong.org](http://www.newsmekong.org));
  - Interviews, in-depth research and investigation on the fellows' approved topics and project-related travel covering their home countries and one other country.
- Selected fellows shall be provided with a sub-grant for coverage expenses;**
- Writing and production, undertaken over four months

At the start and toward the end of each fellowship cycle, fellows are required to take part in two regional workshops—an opening workshop (November 16–19, 2011, Bangkok) and a peer review workshop (February 2012) where fellows present and discuss their completed work. For TV professionals, the opening workshop will be followed by a three-day training course (November 20–23, 2011) in documentary and TV production.

## Expected Outputs

**Print/Photojournalism Fellows.** The writers are to produce a package of stories, totalling 3,000 words, to be published in their respective publications. Photographers are to produce photo essays composed of 15 quality pictures selected from the shots they take, with an accompanying narrative of up to 900 words.

**TV Fellows.** TV journalists are to produce a documentary of at least eight minutes, to be aired on their stations. They may work individually or in pairs to produce one output. Documentaries shall be subtitled in English.

Fellowship applications as well as stories produced under Imaging Our Mekong may be submitted in local languages. A basic knowledge of English is needed for the workshops, but simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

## Submissions Checklist

Applicants need to submit the following:

- Imaging Our Mekong 2011–12 Application Form
- Work Plan Form
- Clippings of three published and bylined articles (for journalists), a portfolio of eight published photographs (for photojournalists)
- At least two aired TV segments written, directed, shot or edited, with copies of these sent via email links to YouTube or Vimeo or via email (for TV journalists)



**Deadline for  
submission of applications:  
October 14, 2011**

Please send applications via post or email to:

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**Download application/proposal forms in Mekong languages from [www.newsmekong.org](http://www.newsmekong.org).**