

Application Questions

Investigative Journalists

This document is for reference only. To submit an application, please visit <https://berthafoundation.org/story/bertha-challenge-2023/> and follow the links to the digital application form.

About You

First name(s)

Surname

Email

We recognize the importance of creating a diverse cohort and are aware of the prevailing inequalities in accessing fellowship opportunities. We strongly encourage applications from women, people of minority genders, people of color and minority ethnic backgrounds.

Which of the following best describes your gender? This is an optional question.

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say
- Other (free writing space)

How do you describe your race and ethnicity? This is an optional question.

Nationality

Country of residence

Have you previously been awarded a fellowship with any other organizations?

Please give the name of the organization(s) and the dates of your fellowship(s). If you haven't been a recipient of a fellowship previously, please write 'n/a'.

Your Work as an Investigative Journalist

What is the geographical focus of your journalism? (max. 100 words)

Briefly tell us why you became a journalist and the focus of your work. (max. 350 words)

Please explain why you should be considered for this Fellowship. (max. 350 words)

Please provide at least three examples of your in-depth investigative journalism pieces that have been published/ broadcast and tell us why you are proud of these pieces. Examples can be included as links, or as file uploads.

If the examples of your work uploaded are in a language other than English, please provide us with a comprehensive summary of the material provided.

About Your Bertha Challenge Project

Please note, if you are invited to interview you will be asked to deliver a short presentation on your proposed project.

Similar to how you would pitch a project to an editor, please outline what you want to investigate, produce and amplify during this Fellowship and how your work will speak to the Bertha Challenge question. There are examples of previous projects in the short Fellow films on the Bertha Challenge website (<https://berthafoundation.org/bertha-challenge/>). (max. 500 words)

Give a brief outline of the individual stories (or story) you plan on producing as part of your project, including the medium(s) you will use (print, television, radio, a combination, etc.). (max. 500 words)

Who is your target audience and how will you engage with them during the year? (max. 300 words)

Imagine it's December 2023 and your project has been completed. What would you like to have achieved as a result of your Fellowship? (max. 300 words)

What would joining the Bertha Challenge fellowship cohort mean for your project? What would you bring to the cohort and what do you hope to gain from being part of an international network? (max. 200 words)

Are you submitting a joint application with an activist? If so, please provide their name and host organization name.

About Your Host Organization

What's the name of your host organization?

Please provide a link to their website or social media.

Please provide a brief description of the work your host organization does, and the ways in which it will support you in delivering your Bertha Challenge project. (max. 300 words)

What is your relationship to your host organization? If you are currently employed by your host organization, what are your day to day responsibilities? (max. 300 words)

The Bertha Challenge is a full time fellowship demanding a full time commitment. What practical plans will be put into place to ensure that you will be free to work full-time on your Bertha Challenge project? (max. 200 words)

Supporting Documents

Please upload a brief CV/ resume of no more than three pages.

This should be a PDF or Word document, saved with the following name format: LAST NAME_OTHER NAME(S)_CV

Please include a list of 2-4 referees including their name, relationship to you and contact details (email and phone number). At this stage, we do not require reference letters.

Please upload the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by you and your host organization.

You can find this form on the Bertha Challenge application web page in the 'Applying' section. Please save your MoU with the following name format: LAST NAME_OTHER NAME(S)_MOU

Please tick the boxes to indicate your agreement to the following conditions if selected:

- The Bertha Challenge is a full-time Fellowship. Fellows are required to work full-time on their Bertha Challenge project;
- Fellowship activities should be oriented around a final product(s). The product(s) must be made available in English and be open source;
- Attendance of monthly Progress Update and Co-learning calls (amounting to 8 hours each month) are compulsory;
- Fellows should not be in receipt of other forms of income during their Fellowship year without agreement from Bertha.

And Finally...

Where did you hear about the Bertha Challenge?

- A Bertha Foundation mailing list
- Another mailing list (please specify below)
- Bertha Foundation's Twitter account
- Another social media account (please specify below)
- A Whatsapp group (please specify below)
- An individual recommendation from a previous Bertha Foundation Fellow or host organization (please specify below)
- An individual recommendation from another Bertha Foundation grantee/ former grantee (please specify below)
- An individual recommendation from a Bertha Foundation member of staff
- An individual recommendation from someone else (please specify below)
- Other

Please provide as much detail as possible, e.g. the name of any specific organization, mailing list, social media account or individual who shared the details with you. (max. 100 words)

Are you happy for Bertha Foundation to retain the information included in this application in our database of contacts?

- Yes
- No

Would you like to receive information from Bertha Foundation in the future?

- Yes, please add me to the Bertha Foundation mailing list to receive news about Foundation projects.
- Yes, please add me to the Bertha Challenge mailing list to receive information about future Bertha Challenge application deadlines.
- Yes, please add me to the Bertha blog mailing list, to receive regular blog posts about the work of Bertha Foundation grantees