



Call for Expressions of Interest

The 2018 Pacific Media Fellowship to report on the Tuna Commission (WCPFC) meeting in Hawaii in 6th – 15th December 2018

What we offer

Each year Pacific nations come together with the global fishing powers to set the rules for the world's biggest fishery – it's a story that takes in everything from the economic future of the region to space-age surveillance technology, safety for Pacific workers on the high seas and the protection of vital marine species for future generations.

The 2018 Pacific Media Fellowship gives you a chance to report on how your country and other Pacific nations work together to set the agenda and how big powers such as China, Japan, South Korea, the United States and the EU respond. It will give you the tools to provide compelling coverage of fisheries issues at this year's Tuna Commission (WCPFC) and throughout the year, as well as the opportunity to collaborate with a network of experienced fisheries reporters across the region. If you have ever been curious about how tuna is fished, who does the fishing, where it ends up, and who benefits the most this is an event not to be missed.

Come and join other journalists who have been bitten by the Pacific tuna bug - the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) may not have the catchiest name, but it is the place where you can uncover the biggest fisheries stories of the year.

The Program in Detail

For the past four years, the FFA in collaboration with the Australian-funded Pacific Media Assistance Scheme (PACMAS), has facilitated a workshop in the lead up to and during the annual WCPFC meeting. This year PACMAS will send up to 3 facilitators who will include some of the most experienced fisheries reporters in the region.

The program for the workshop will comprise two main activities being:

- 6th – 9th December: briefings and discussions with FFA executives, other experts and Pacific delegations on key agenda items and issues. You will get a chance to work with PACMAS facilitators and other Pacific media fellows to prepare to cover WCPFC15 and to write/produce preview stories.
- 10th – 15th December: Coverage of the issues and developments at WCPFC15 and its outcome. Media conferences and individually-sourced original interviews form the fodder for a rich variety of stories. During this activity the focus of the PACMAS facilitators will be on working with each media fellow to assist them to produce accurate and compelling coverage for their own media outlets. Media fellows work closely together sharing information and expertise resulting improved coverage by all

The Secretariat will organise a designated media resource room.



Who should apply

Expressions of interest are sought from editors and senior and mid-career journalists with an active interest in reporting accurate and well-informed stories relating to sustainable fisheries management in the WCPFC region and in FFA member countries.

Due to funding constraints, the 2018 workshop program will support a smaller number of journalists than in previous years. EOI's will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
Previous successful experience in reporting on fisheries matters	20%
An understanding of the importance of fisheries and marine resources to PIC's	20%
An understanding of WCPFC processes and the importance for PIC's to be able to effectively influence these processes.	20%
A genuine interest in promoting Pacific fisheries and marine resource challenges and opportunities.	20%
A commitment to writing articles not only during the WCPFC Meeting but following the meeting and throughout 2019 and beyond.	20%
Total	100%

Successful candidates will receive funding support for travel, a daily subsistence allowance and shared accommodation costs. All visa costs will be borne by the journalist or their agency.

The EOI should include curriculum vitae; sample articles particularly on fisheries, climate change or sustainable development; and a letter of recommendation from your organisation, confirming their commitment to publishing fisheries stories during WCPFC and throughout 2019.

All submissions are required to provide evidence of professional or technical capacity such as educational and/or professional qualifications, or references.

How to submit your Expression of Interest

1. All EOI should be submitted together with all relevant documents and shall be in English.
2. Submission of EOIs responding to this invitation should be received by **5pm, Friday 2nd November, (Solomon Islands time and date)**. Late applications will not be considered.

Submission of EOIs as electronic PDF files are preferred, sent by email to procurement@ffa.int

Hard copy applications shall be sealed and should comply with the directions contained herein and addressed to: The Director-General, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency, P O Box 629, Honiara, SOLOMON ISLANDS - Telephone (677) 21124 and Fax (677) 23995. – Attention 2018 Media Fellows.

EOI's should be of no more than five (5) pages not including relevant CV's or necessary attachments.



Important background on the FFA

The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) was formed following the South Pacific Forum meeting in Port Moresby in 1977 which adopted a Declaration on the Law of the Sea and the establishment of a regional fisheries agency. FFA has been mandated to concentrate on the management and development of the tuna fishery in the Central and Western Pacific Ocean. The Agency is responsible for assisting its 17 members - Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu - to coordinate sustainable tuna fishery management policies in their exclusive economic zone waters, and for promoting the development of their tuna fishery resources.

The work of the Agency is delivered through three technical programs: Fisheries Management, Fisheries Development and Fisheries Operations. The Fisheries Management program assists FFA members to refine and maintain effective policy and legal frameworks to support the sustainable management of their tuna fisheries resources. Technical services are also provided under this program to support regional and sub-regional fishery management. The Fisheries Development program assists FFA members with long term social, economic and development planning for the fisheries sector, in response to the Forum Leaders' call to identify ways to ensure greater returns from the sustainable use of fisheries resources. The Fisheries Operations Division is committed to the implementation of programs covering fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance coordinated through the Regional Fisheries MCS Strategy (RMCSS).

One of the key functions of the FFA Secretariat is the provision of technical support to FFA members across the multiple processes of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) leading to the annual WCPFC meeting each December. FFA facilitates a process whereby common FFA member approaches to WCPFC key issues are agreed and proposed for discussion at the annual session.