

## Stavros Niarchos Foundation Global Center at the Child Mind Institute – Communicator Fellowship Request for Applications

The [Stavros Niarchos Foundation \(SNF\) Global Center for Child and Adolescent Mental Health at the Child Mind Institute](#) is thrilled to announce the *Request for Applications (RFA)* for **the SNF Global Center Communicator Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Mental Health!** The Stavros Niarchos SNF Global Center Communicator Fellowship aims to transform how societies discuss and support youth mental health.

Through strategic investment in a creative communication project, this fellowship provides up to three grants for projects spanning up to two years and up to **US\$100,000**, along with professional development opportunities, mentorship, and networking. The deadline to apply is **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 11:59PM Eastern (US) Time**.

Join us for a webinar focused on the program:

### Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Global Center Communicator Fellowship Webinar

April 9, 2026 09:30 AM in Eastern Time (US and Canada) Link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Up to three grants are available in 2026. Applicants must propose a project focused on the communication of child and adolescent mental health relevant to their country/region/community, and must be affiliated with a media organization, NGO, university or similar organization. Applicants may be based in an SNF Global Center hub country – Brazil, Greece, or South Africa, or be based in any eligible low- or middle-income country. Full eligibility follows.

Selected fellows will work to foster more open and compassionate conversations about mental health among young people and their communities.

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## SNF Global Center Communicator Fellowship – Application Guidelines

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should demonstrate:

- Affiliation with a qualified institution:
  - Based in any eligible low- or middle-income country (LMIC) as defined by the World Bank or an SNF Global Center hub country: Brazil, Greece, or South Africa.
  - Is an officially established media, academic (university/scholar) or independent (non-profit institute or organization), governmental or non-governmental, but is not a pharmaceutical organization.
  - Not prohibited or embargoed from transactions with the United States as per EAR, ITAR, and/or OFAC.
- A bachelor's degree or equivalent is preferred; however, applicants without a degree may apply if they have at least four years of relevant professional experience (e.g., journalism, media production, or communications work relevant to their proposed project)
- While there is no strict age limit, this fellowship is designed to support early- to mid-career professionals, typically with fewer than 15 years of professional experience
- A track record in mental health **advocacy and/or innovation** in youth mental health communication approaches
- A history of impactful creative work and communications
- Potential for creating meaningful community-level change
- The ability to communicate in English. Note: published works may be in other languages

### Budget Requirements

Applicants are required to request up to \$100,000 USD total for up to a two-year project. Budgets should be aligned with the proposed activities, and appropriate to the context of the applicant's home country. The budget should include:

- Personnel and Compensation: Reasonable salary or stipend support for the Fellow to enable focused work on the project. This may include partial or full-time coverage over two years.
- Production Costs: Expenses related to the creation of the final outputs (e.g., filming, editing, audio production, design, printing, digital development).
- Equipment and Materials: Modest equipment purchases (e.g., recording gear, editing software, storage) essential to project delivery. All purchases must be itemized and necessary for the project.
- Travel: Costs for domestic or regional travel essential to the project (e.g., interviews, field visits), and attendance at relevant professional or dissemination events. International travel must be well-justified.
- Engagement and Dissemination Costs: Costs associated with participation in project design, content development, or dissemination
- Institutional Costs: Host institutions may request direct costs related to supporting the fellow (e.g., supervision, workspace), up to a maximum of 10% of the total budget. Indirect or overhead costs are not allowed.
- Other Expenses: Any additional expenses must be clearly described and justified.

A detailed line-item budget and brief narrative justification should be included in the application.

## Application Sections

Application link: [SNF Global Center Communicator Fellowship - CMI Application](#)

Downloads: [2026 SNF Global Center Communicator Fellowship Templates](#)

### 1. Applicant Information

- Name:
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Institutional Affiliation:
  - Country of Institution:
  - Is the country of affiliation based in an LMIC or a Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) hub country (Brazil, Greece, South Africa): (Yes/No)
  - Is the country of affiliation prohibited or embargoed from transactions with the United States as per EAR, ITAR, and/or OFAC.: (Yes/No)
- Country of Residence:
- Website/Portfolio (if applicable):
- Social Media Handles (if applicable):
- Curriculum Vitae/Résumé
- Education/Training History
- Proof of English ability
  - Acceptable forms include:
    - Standardized test scores (TOEFL, IELTS, Pearson English, etc.)
    - Publications in English
    - At least two years of English instruction at the post-secondary level (Copies of unofficial Transcript accepted)

### 2. Project Proposal

*Please provide a detailed description of your proposed project, including:*

- Title of Project:
- Medium (e.g., film, journalism, podcast, visual art, etc.):
- Goals and Objectives:
- Proposal / Project Plan – maximum three pages to include:



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- A clear description of the proposed activities and methods to be carried out over the two-year fellowship period
  - The anticipated outputs (e.g., articles, videos, podcasts, installations, public events, exhibitions, etc.)
  - The relationship between the project and the affiliation institution
  - The platforms or outlets where the work will be published, broadcast, exhibited, or shared with the public
  - A discussion of the target audience and how the project will reach and engage them including:
    - Geographic focus – Where is your audience located? (e.g., local, regional, national, diaspora, rural, urban)
    - Demographics – Age range, gender, language, or other relevant identifiers
    - Mental health issues or themes most relevant to this audience (e.g., anxiety, stigma, school-based mental health, trauma, access to care)
    - Why this audience is strategically important for changing public discourse on youth mental health
  - A plan for involving youth perspectives in the development or delivery of the project (e.g., through interviews, co-creation, youth advisory input, etc.)
  - The project's timeline, key milestones, and deliverables
    - Include considerations on how to measure potential impact of the project
  - An explanation of the intended impact and how the project seeks to change narratives, reduce stigma, or promote better understanding of child and adolescent mental health in the applicant's community or country
- Innovation in Mental Health Communication:
  - A short video (up to five minutes, introducing your project)

### 3. Letter of Intent

*Please upload a 1-2 page letter of intent outlining:*

- Your background and experience in communication and mental health advocacy
- Your motivation for applying for the SNF Global Center Communicator Fellowship
- How this fellowship aligns with your professional and creative goals

### 4. Work Samples & Media Upload

*Please provide samples of your past work that best showcase your ability to execute this project. Include links where applicable. Up to three work samples may be uploaded.*

- Sample 1 (Title & Link or Upload):
- Sample 2 (Title & Link or Upload):
- Sample 3 (Title & Link or Upload, if applicable):

### 5. Budget & Sustainability Plan

*Outline how you plan to utilize the fellowship funding, ensuring project sustainability. Include:*

- Estimated Budget Breakdown (e.g., production costs, research, personnel, etc.)
- Sustainability Plan: How will the project continue beyond the fellowship period?

## 6. References

Please provide contact information for two professional references who can speak to your work and its impact. (Letters of reference submitted in languages other than English should come with an English translation).

- **Reference 1:** Name, Relationship, Email, Phone
- **Reference 2:** Name, Relationship, Email, Phone

## 7. Letter of affiliation

Please provide contact information of the main point of contact at your host institution. The letter of affiliation must indicate that your host organization is willing and able to host you for your proposed project. (Letters of affiliation submitted in languages other than English should come with an English translation).

- **Affiliation Letter:** Name, Relationship, Email, Phone

## Selection Criteria & Process

One fellowship will be awarded in 2026. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of internal and external reviewers with expertise in youth mental health, journalism, communications, and global development. Each application will be evaluated based on:

- The applicant's communication track record and commitment to mental health advocacy
- The creativity, feasibility, and originality of the proposed project
- The potential for meaningful impact and engagement in the applicant's home country
- The clarity of outputs, target audience, and platforms for dissemination
- The strength of the affiliation with a host institution

## Interview Process

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to participate in a virtual interview to discuss their proposal, clarify elements of the application, and explore fit with the goals of the fellowship. Interview panels may include program staff and expert advisors.

## Fellowship Obligations / Agreement

Required activities will be finalized upon award, but Fellow requirements may include:

- Participate in virtual onboarding, mentorship, and capacity-building sessions over the two-year fellowship term
- Submit regular progress updates and a final narrative and financial report
- Produce the outputs outlined in their approved project proposal
- Acknowledge the SNF Global Center at the Child Mind Institute in all materials and publications resulting from the fellowship
- Remain engaged in the fellowship network and contribute to peer learning when possible

Awardees will be required to sign a Fellowship Agreement outlining their responsibilities, funding disbursement schedule, and reporting requirements.

## Evaluation Criteria

### The Applicant

Demonstrated experience in communication and/or mental health advocacy, creativity, and readiness to carry out the proposed project.

### The Project

Clarity, relevance, and feasibility of the proposed communication project focused on child and adolescent mental health in the applicant's home country. Strong proposals will include clear goals, outputs, target audience, plans for youth involvement, and dissemination strategy.

### The Host Institution

The strength and relevance of the applicant's affiliation with an organization that can support their work and provide institutional backing.

### Submission Guidelines

- All applications must be submitted online: [SNF Global Center Communicator Fellowship - CMI](#)
- Accepted file formats for uploads: PDF, DOCX, MP4, PNG, JPEG.
- The deadline for submissions is **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

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## Program Timeline (March – August 2026) \* all times subject to change

### Application Period

- **March 23, 2026** – Fellowship Application Launch
- **March–June 2026** – Outreach and Applicant Support
  - **Webinar: Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Global Center Communicator Fellowship Webinar**
  - April 9, 2026, 09:30 AM Eastern Time
  - Registration link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- **June 15, 2026** – Application Deadline

### Selection Period

- **June 16–July 15, 2026** – Application Review
- **July 16–25, 2026** – Interviews with Shortlisted Candidates
- **Late July/Early August 2026** – Fellows Selected and Announced