

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Macedonia Media Leaders Program Application – Due December 18, 2015**

*Please complete ALL information requested. If a question does not apply you may write in N/A. Only application responses that are typed in will be accepted. Hand written applications will not be accepted.*

### **General Information**

**1. Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

as listed on passport (First) (Middle) (Surname)

**2. Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

as listed on passport (city) (country)

**4. Country of Citizenship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Country of Legal Residence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Are you a U.S. citizen or have you applied for U.S. permanent residency within the last 3 years?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**7. Gender:** ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other/Prefer not to respond

**8. Highest Level of Education Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**8a. Name of Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Contact Information**

**9. Home Address & Personal Contact Information:**

Street/Building Number \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Region/Province/State \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Skype ID \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

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### **Previous U.S. Experience**

#### **10. Have you been in the U.S. on any education, fellowship, or training experiences?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered 'yes' above please complete the following:

Program Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Was this program sponsored by the U.S. Government? ☐ Yes ☐ No

#### **11. Have you ever had a J-1 Visa?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered 'yes' above please complete the following:

When did the J-1 Visa expire? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you subject to the 2 year home residency requirement? ☐ Yes ☐ No

#### **12. Within the next year, are you planning to travel to the U.S. for any education, fellowship, or training experience?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

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### **Professional Experience**

*Please answer the following questions based on the media organization or institution you are most closely affiliated with (e.g. your current employer, the last organization you worked for, or if you are a freelancer, the organization you are most closely affiliated with).*

**13. Organization Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Organization Address**

Street/Building Number \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Region/Province/State \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

**15. Your Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**16. Supervisor Name & Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**17. Supervisor Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Supervisor Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**18. Briefly describe the type of work the organization performs.**

**19. Briefly describe your overall job responsibilities with the organization.**

**20. Are you employed full-time with this organization?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**21. How long have you worked for the organization?** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Media/Journalism Experience**

**22. How many years of experience do you have working as a media professional/journalist?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**23. Describe the specific type of media/journalism you focus on professionally.**

**24. What aspect of the Macedonian media sector do you feel most needs to be strengthened? Why?**

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**25. How do you see yourself, as a media professional, contributing to a stronger media sector in Macedonia?**

**Professional & Program Goals**

*If chosen to participate in the program, an MMLP leader will be carefully matched with a media outlet, nonprofit organization, or other media-focused institution for four months of hands-on experience in the U.S. A leader will support his/her host institution in a variety of capacities that match his/her professional experiences and interests. Examples of an MMLP leader's responsibilities at a host institution include, but are not limited to, supporting the investigative coverage of local news stories, coordinating social media efforts and outreach, producing multimedia content for online media platforms, and conducting media literacy programs for youth.*

**26. Describe your professional goals related to media/journalism, and explain how participation in the Macedonia Media Leaders Program will help you achieve those goals.**

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**27. If selected to participate in the program, you will be working with a U.S.-based media outlet or organization for the full four-month fellowship. Please describe the type of media organization you are most interested in working with during the fellowship, including information about the type of work you are hoping to support.**

**28. Please propose a brief idea for a media-related initiative that you are interested in undertaking in your community. Highlight what the initiative entails and how it would support a strong media sector.**

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### **Additional Questions**

29. Please let us know how you first heard about the Macedonia Media Leaders Program.

### **Additional Required Documents**

*In order to successfully complete the application process applicants are required to submit the following documents along with this completed application form. Applications and the following supporting documents must be submitted to [mmlp@irex.org](mailto:mmlp@irex.org) by December 18, 2015.*

1. Curriculum vitae, in English.
2. Letter of recommendation from your current or previous supervisor, in English.
3. If applying as a journalist, two samples of your previously published work. The samples can be submitted in their original language.

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