



**Journalism  
Science  
Alliance**

# Ask Me Anything Session 1

**2026 call**



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# WHO WE ARE

The Journalism Science Alliance is a grant funding program, co-funded by Creative Europe, designed to support investigative journalism grounded on scientific evidence.



**Co-funded by  
the European Union**



# WHO WE ARE

The Journalism Science Alliance is a joint initiative of Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (NOVA), in Portugal, and the European Journalism Centre (EJC), in the Netherlands.

NOVA is a leading institution in journalism and science communication education and research.



EJC is a recognized independent non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening and supporting journalism and media across Europe.



# OBJECTIVES

The Journalism Science Alliance aims to strengthen media **freedom** and **pluralism** by integrating scientific practices into journalism and fostering the **cooperation** between media and research institutions across Europe.





# OBJECTIVES

The Journalism Science Alliance intends...

- to foster collaboration between journalists and scientists to uncover new topics of public interest;
- to fuel the production of local, regional, and transnational investigative journalism backed by science that engage audiences and serve the public interest across Europe;
- to strengthen the credibility, depth, and impact of investigative journalism.

# GRANTS

- The JSA grants support collaborations between journalists and scientists to produce investigative journalism grounded in scientific evidence and focused on topics of public interest.
- These grants aim to strengthen cross-sector partnerships between media and research institutions across Europe.
- Teams can apply for three types of grants, depending on the scale and complexity of the project:



€10,000 | €20,000 | €50,000



# GRANTS

Two calls for applications over a 24-month lifecycle (2025–2027).

Second call opened on 19 January 2026 and closes on 23 March.

The first call, in 2025, received 162 applications from 54 countries.

An independent jury selected 24 projects of teams from 15 countries.

Grants last for 8 months.





# GRANTS

Teams are expected to design, execute, and publish a **rigorous investigative project** that addresses a topic of public interest.

In addition to funding, selected teams will receive tailored mentorship.

Participants will have access to training sessions and networking opportunities with other grantees.



# 2nd CALL IS OPEN



Deadline is **23 March** 17:00 CET.



Total call budget is **1 million €**.



Applications submitted in English  
via the **EJC Platform**.



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# Project proposals

Investigative reporting in any topic of public interest where **scientific evidence** is relevant, needed, or adds depth and credibility.

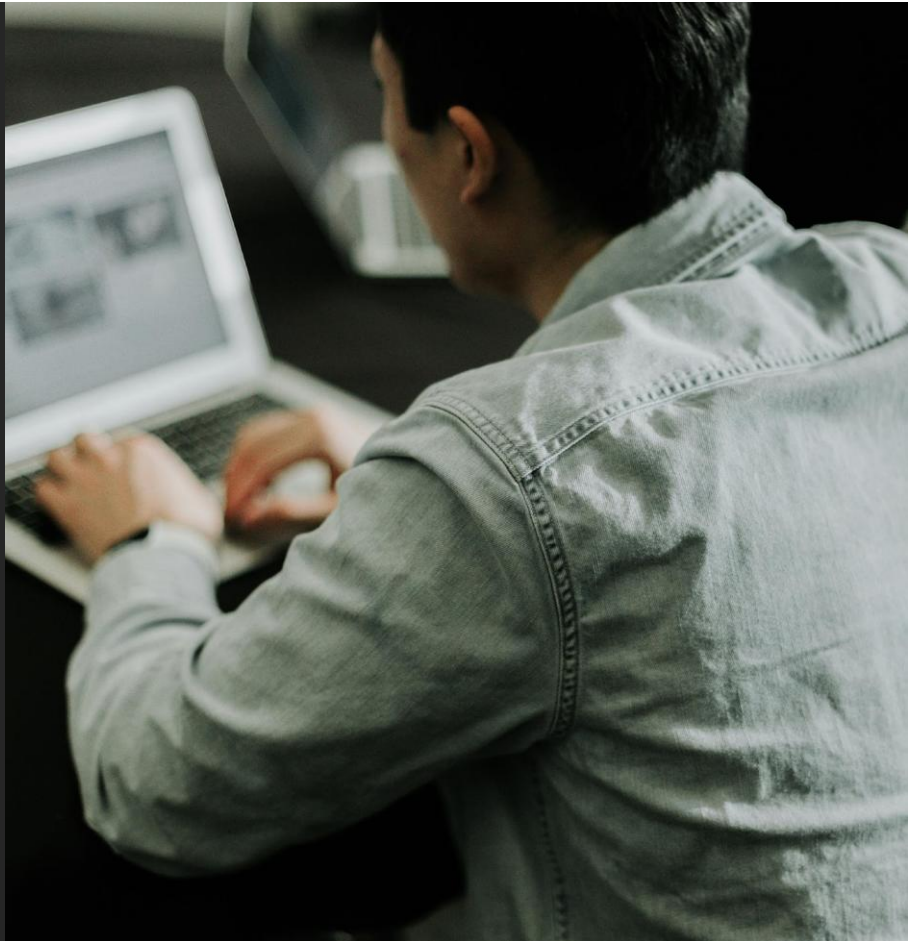


# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Journalists from **all media formats** are welcome to apply.

Scientists from **any relevant discipline** may participate as co-investigators.

Freelancers and additional partners may join the team, but cannot apply independently.



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Each team must include **at least one media outlet** (lead applicant) and **one research or academic institution** (co-lead).

Both must be based in a country participating in the Creative Europe Programme.





# QUESTIONS?

FAQs/  
Apply



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