



Apply Now for Scripps Howard/AEJMC Visiting Professors Program

It's back – the Scripps Howard/AEJMC Visiting Professors Program will once again have a class in 2025!

The program was paused in the spring of 2020 because of pandemic restrictions – prior to that, it had operated annually for 10 years, offering AEJMC members a summer opportunity to spend time in newsrooms across the country.

While a few modifications have been made to the original program, its basic goal remains the same – to give JMC educators a hands-on opportunity to update their journalism skills and enhance their knowledge of newsroom technology and changes.

Five AEJMC members will be selected to spend a week during the summer of 2025 at one of the following news outlets:

[El Tímpano](#) in Oakland, Calif.

[WLEX](#) in Lexington, Ky.

[WPTV](#) in West Palm Beach, Fla.

[TCPalm](#) in Fort Pierce, Fla.

[The Texas Tribune](#) in Austin, Texas

The program, funded by the Scripps Howard Fund and administered by AEJMC, will also sponsor a professional from the news outlet to travel to the Visiting Professor's campus for a two- or three-day visit next fall – activities for the professional can range from being a campus conference keynote speaker or panelist, featured classroom lecturer, or workshop presenter – whatever works best for the school and professional.

Each Visiting Professor will receive a stipend of \$5,000 to pay for the week's travel expenses, while the news outlet professional will receive a stipend of \$2,000 to pay for travel expenses to the Visiting Professor's school. No additional money is available if expenses are more than these amounts.

Applicants must be fulltime faculty and current AEJMC members. Graduate students are not eligible for the program.

The expectation for the selected Visiting Professors is that each is spending a week to work with the selected news outlet, and planning and implementing the news outlet professional's reciprocal visit to campus (with the professional's input).

Application packets should include the following:

- (1) Full contact information (email address and telephone number) and short bio (fewer than 100 words).
- (2) Description of courses you are currently teaching and how they would be improved by this experience.
- (3) Brief explanation of why you would like to participate in the program.
- (4) The outlet you would like to visit with explanation of why (list one specific outlet from the possibilities above – *this outlet should not be in your same city or nearby*).
- (5) Brief description of what a professional could contribute to your campus.
- (6) Three-page vita.
- (7) A statement that if you are selected for the program, you agree to spend one week at the selected news outlet prior to the start of fall 2025 classes, that you will use the experience to enhance your teaching, and that you will plan and execute a reciprocal visit by the news outlet professional during the 2025 fall semester.

Deadline to apply for the program is 5 p.m. EST March 1. Send the above information in one file as a pdf via email to Lillian Coleman at lillian@aejmc.org.

An AEJMC committee will select the recipients, and the process is expected to be very competitive. Successful applicants will be notified in early April. Scripps Howard Visiting Professors from previous years are not eligible to apply again. Direct questions to Lillian Coleman at lillian@aejmc.org.