



## John Schofield Trust Mentoring Scheme 2016 Application Form

Thank you for your interest in the John Schofield Trust mentoring scheme. The purpose of the mentoring scheme is to provide support, encouragement and guidance to journalists who have recently joined the broadcast industry.

Being a John Schofield Trust mentee will put you in direct contact for a year with a leading journalist in British broadcasting. We have up to 25 places on this year's mentoring scheme.

For the first time we also have a further 5 places for individuals on an apprenticeship course or on a non-graduate journalism training scheme. You will be mentored by one of our previous mentees, You must have completed a minimum of six months on a scheme which includes a relevant diploma (eg Advanced Apprenticeship in Journalism (Level 3) or an NCTJ diploma). You must be aged 18 or over. Your qualifications will meet the expected requirements of the apprenticeship scheme you are on.

Your application will be treated in strict confidence.

This form is to be completed and returned by email to [info@johnschofieldtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@johnschofieldtrust.org.uk)

**To ensure confidentiality, your referee must email your reference to the Trust at [info@johnschofieldtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@johnschofieldtrust.org.uk) by 31 January 2016.**

### Selection criteria

Candidates are expected to be in their first few years of professional life within broadcast and/or online journalism. If you are an apprentice or on a non-graduate training scheme you must have completed six months and are working (including freelance) in the industry. Please see the website for further guidance.

To be eligible for selection applications must include a reference. If you are an apprentice we need to have a reference from your course leader or the person who is in charge of the apprenticeship scheme you are on.

## Application deadline

**Applications open on 1 January and close at 5pm on 31 January 2016.**

Only successful candidates will be notified.

The 2016 Mentoring Scheme commences on 1 April 2016 and runs until 31 March 2017.

## Section 1: Personal information

Your name:	
Current base/work address:	
Your email address:	
Date of birth:	
Your mobile phone:	
Your current role:	
Your current employer:	
Time in current role:	
Your employment history:	
Your qualifications (please give dates). Please indicate if you are on an apprenticeship scheme. Non-graduates are welcome to apply:  <i>Please note this scheme is not suitable for those who have just graduated from a postgraduate journalism course</i>	

Your digital skills & experience - e.g. website production, social media tools you use, UGC,.	
Your interests outside of journalism:	
Your Twitter name:	

## Section 2: Personal statement – your pitch

In 200 words, please tell us how you think you would benefit from having a mentor:

## Section 3: Your mentor

We have a range of mentors from across broadcast journalism. In order to help us match you to the right mentor, please answer the following two questions:

1. Which of the following areas most interest you? Feel free to tick more than one option, but no more than three.

- On the road reporting in the UK
- On the road reporting overseas
- Specialist reporting. If you tick this box, please say which specialisms  On the road producing
- Newsroom-based producing
- Programme editing
- Commissioning and assigning

Investigative journalism

Presenting

2. Our mentors are busy people, and they'll find it hard to travel to you. Although you can use Skype and email, face-to-face contact is important. So please tick one of the following options:

I am flexible about where my mentor is based, and I will travel to meet them

Ideally, my mentor to be in the same part of the UK as my current job, but I am prepared to travel occasionally

It is essential to me that my mentor works in the same area as I do

## Section 4: Your journalism

Tell us about one story or assignment in your career so far where you have made a significant contribution to your employer's news coverage. Tell us what your role was, and how you rose to the challenge.

If you are an apprentice give examples of two stories you have worked on and what you have learnt. For example, this might be something gained during work experience, a work related project which has been assessed as part of your apprenticeship or a blog post you have written.

Please limit yourself to 250 words.

## Section 5: Your referee

Please enter the name and contact details of someone who will support your application.

Referee's name:	
Referee's professional position:	
Your relationship with the referee:	
Referee's contact details:	

### To be completed by your referee:

What qualities does the candidate have that make him/her suitable for further development through mentoring?

How do you see this candidate benefiting from the mentoring scheme?

Please email this to [info@johnschofieldtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@johnschofieldtrust.org.uk) by **31 January 2016**.

## **Disclaimer**

All personal information provided to the John Schofield Trust will be treated in confidence.

## **Terms and conditions**

By applying for the John Schofield Trust mentoring scheme the candidate agrees to the following terms and conditions:

If selected, not to discuss or disclose to any person or third party and to treat as confidential information any information learned whilst on the mentoring scheme, including but not limited to any commercially sensitive matters, any issues occurring in the workplace or any other information that is not in the public domain.

## **Monitoring details**

The John Schofield Trust would like to build an accurate picture of the make-up of our mentees in encouraging equality and diversity.

The Trust needs your help and co-operation to enable it to do this, but filling in this form is voluntary.

The information you provide will stay confidential, and be stored securely and limited to only the trustees.

## **Ethnicity**

Ethnic origin is not about nationality, place of birth or citizenship. It is about the group to which you perceive you belong. Do you consider yourself to belong to an ethnic group?

**Disability**

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or health condition?