**John Schofield Trust Mentoring Scheme**



**2019 application form for apprentices and   
non-graduate journalism trainees**

Thank you for your interest in the John Schofield Trust mentoring scheme. There are three parts to the application process:

1. Application form
2. Diversity and monitoring form (optional)
3. Reference form

The John Schofield Trust treats the use and storage of data very seriously. The details you provide on this form will be used to assess your application to be a mentee for the 2019-20 scheme. Your application will be treated in strict confidence and your details will be stored securely. We retain your details for a year after the scheme – in case of drop-outs – and will remove them from our records after this time.

**If you would like to receive news about and invitations to events**

**hosted by the John Schofield Trust, please put a ‘X’ in this box:**

If you tick this box, we will retain just your contact and employment details for this purpose.

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**Selection criteria**

* You must be on an NCTJ-approved journalism apprenticeship scheme or a non-graduate journalism training scheme.
* You must have completed a minimum of six months on a scheme which includes a relevant diploma by the time the mentoring scheme begins (e.g. 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/training scheme you are on.

To be eligible for selection candidates must have their application supported by a referee. If you are an apprentice/ trainee we need to have a reference from your course leader or the person who is in charge of the apprenticeship/training scheme you are on.

**Application deadline**   
 **Applications open on 1 March and close at 5pm on 31 March 2019.**

The 2019 mentoring scheme commences on 1 June 2019 and runs until 31 May 2020.

Only successful candidates will be notified.  
**Section 1: Personal information**

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| 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-graduate trainees are welcome to apply |  |
| Name and address of secondary school: |  |
| 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**

Please explain why you think you would benefit from the John Schofield Trust mentoring scheme (maximum 100-200 words):

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**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   
[ ] Another area not named above in which you are interested. Please provide details below:

   
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**

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.

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**Diversity and monitoring form**

The John Schofield Trust would like to build an accurate picture of the make-up of our applicants in encouraging equality and diversity. This information also helps support our applications for funding. 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 remain confidential and be limited to only the trustees on the selection panel. We will anonymise this information when we include it in any evidence we put together.

**Education**

Are you the first generation in your family to attend higher education? **YES/NO**

**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? **YES/NO**

If yes, please state which ethnic group?

**Disability**

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or health condition? **YES/NO**

If you yes, please give details:

**Thank you for completing this form**

**Please email it to** [info@johnschofieldtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@johnschofieldtrust.org.uk) **by 31 March 2019**