



**Rosalynn Carter Fellowship for Mental Health
Journalism in the Republic of Ireland**
In partnership with Shine

Submission Instructions

Eligibility

Before applying, potential applicants should review their eligibility for the fellowship.

- Applicants must have **at least three years'** experience as a journalist or working directly in journalism or media. The three years must not include student experience, blogging, public relations or academic publishing.
- Applicants must be citizens or legal residents of the Republic of Ireland.
- Applicants must be able to procure and include a Letter of Commitment as part of their application. The Letter of Commitment must come from a media outlet that has its primary audience in the Republic of Ireland.
- Applicants must be eligible to travel to the United States and be available to travel to the Fellowship Training Meetings at the beginning and end of the fellowship year at The Carter Center. The next meeting will be held on 14th-17th September, 2026. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered. Any other expenses incurred should come from the fellows' stipend.

Application Documents

To apply for the fellowship, applicants must include several items in their submission. Please see the submission checklist below:

- ✓ **Application form:** All sections of the application form must be completed as part of your submission. Application forms can be from the Shine website at <https://www.shine.ie/the-rosalynn-carter-fellowship-for-mental-health-journalism-in-ireland>

- ✓ **Resume/CV:** Please attach a copy of an up-to-date resume to your email application.
- ✓ **Work samples:** Please submit TWO relevant work samples. At least one of the samples should be in the media form proposed for your project. Please attach your work samples in PDF format to your email submission.

For audio or video samples, please attach a PDF with relevant links to your work samples. If files are not currently online, please upload to YouTube, Vimeo, or another platform. Next, create a PDF with links to your work. Clearly label the PDF and attach it to your email application.

- ✓ **Headshot:** Please attach a professional headshot to your email application. Winning fellows' headshots will be made available on the Shine and Carter Center websites, in press releases, and in fellowship documents.
- ✓ **Letter of Commitment:** Each application requires one Letter of Commitment. This is a document showing intent to publish or produce. The Letter of Commitment can be downloaded from the Shine website at <https://www.shine.ie/the-rosalynn-carter-fellowship-for-mental-health-journalism-in-ireland>

Email Submission

All applications, including accompanying documents, must be submitted via email to media@shine.ie no later than midnight, **June 2nd 2026**.

Please clearly title your email '**Fellowship Application**' and ensure all accompanying documents attached to the email are easily identifiable as part of your submission.

Applications submitted after the deadline on June 2nd 2026 will **not** be accepted.

If you are having issues with attaching or sharing files, please inform Shine of this in advance of the deadline so that we can assist you with this. All fellowship-related queries should be emailed to media@shine.ie.

Additional considerations

We encourage all applicants to read through the FAQs and the Additional Resources on the Shine [website](#) before submitting their application.

Applicants are also invited to visit The Carter Center's Mental Health Journalism website [here](#) to learn more about the fellowship in advance of their application.

Applicants must consider how they will include the voice of lived experience in their project and discuss this in their application. Projects must include this element to be considered for the fellowship. Shine offers guidance on mental health topics underrepresented in Irish media.

For 2026, projects should incorporate at least one of the following themes and/or communities:

- Hearing voices
- Mental health recovery
- Traveller mental health stories
- Mental health among older people
- AI and mental illness
- Families and supporters