

Deadline application postponed until Monday 6th July (23:59 AST)

Travel Grant for Caribbean Journalists to Attend the Dutch Journalism Festival 2026

Are you a journalist based on one of the six Caribbean islands of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and interested in connecting with colleagues from both the Caribbean and the European Netherlands? Fonds BJP (Dutch Fund for In-Depth Journalism) offers you the opportunity to attend the Journalism Festival in Deventer with a travel grant.

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During the festival, you will meet journalists from across the Kingdom, gain new inspiration and professional contacts, and take part in discussions about the future of journalism. In addition, on Saturday 19 September, The Fund will host a session titled From Rising Sea Levels to Hurricanes: Who Tells the Caribbean Climate Story? The session will focus on climate journalism from the Caribbean, where the impacts of climate change are already visible and deeply felt, and will provide a space for journalists to exchange experiences, perspectives and insights.

What does the Dutch Fund for In-Dept Journalism offer?

The Fund will provide travel grants for six journalists from the Caribbean part of the Kingdom to attend the [Dutch Journalism Festival](#) in Deventer on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 September 2026. As travel costs vary significantly between the islands, the exact amount of support will be determined individually for each selected participant.

Selected participants will receive:

- a contribution towards return airfare and transportation within the Netherlands. As a guideline, the fund expects to contribute between €1,300 and €1,800, depending on the island of departure and current ticket prices;
- two hotel nights, including breakfast, in Deventer (17–19 September);
- full access to the festival programme, including the session on Caribbean climate journalism.

You are welcome to book your flights in a way that allows you to stay in the Netherlands longer than the festival period. Please note, however, the fund will only cover accommodation in Deventer for the nights of 17 and 18 September.

What can you expect from the Dutch Journalism Festival?

The second edition of the Journalism Festival will take place in the historic city centre of Deventer and is inspired by the International Journalism Festival in Perugia, Italy. The festival features workshops, panel discussions and talks on a wide range of current journalistic topics, from investigative journalism to digital innovation.

There is also plenty of room for spontaneous encounters and informal conversations, making the festival an excellent opportunity to expand your professional network. The full programme will be announced in the coming months on the [festival website](#).

Special Sessions on Journalism within the Kingdom

The festival includes two sessions specifically focused on journalism in the Caribbean and European parts of the Kingdom.

From Rising Sea Levels to Hurricanes: Who Tells the Caribbean Climate Story?

Organised by the Fund, this session focuses on climate journalism from the Caribbean, where the consequences of climate change are already visible and tangible. Sea levels are rising, hurricanes are becoming more frequent and intense, and the impact on communities and living environments is significant. The session will feature climate stories from the Caribbean part of the Kingdom, told by journalists from the islands themselves. At the same time, it will explore who usually tells the Caribbean climate story and which perspectives tend to dominate. What role does journalism play in conveying the urgency of the climate crisis? How do journalism, engagement and activism relate to one another? And how can journalists from the Caribbean make their own stories more visible across the Kingdom?

Collaboration Between Caribbean and Dutch Journalists

Derrick Walters and Oscar van Dam of Extra Curaçao will host a second session on collaboration between journalists and media organisations in the Caribbean and the European Netherlands. This session will focus on exchanging experiences, knowledge and opportunities for collaboration, while exploring how journalists across the Kingdom can better connect and strengthen one another.

Who Can Apply?

This call is open to journalists who are permanently based and working on one of the six Caribbean islands of the Kingdom: Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius or Saba.

Applicants should be actively working as journalists, interested in collaboration and knowledge exchange within the Kingdom, and available from 17 to 19 September 2026.

After the festival, participants will be asked to share a short reflection on their experience with the Fund. With your permission, this reflection may be published on our website or social media channels.

How to Apply

Would you like to attend the Dutch Journalism Festival? Please complete the online [application form](#) before Monday 6 July 2026, 11:59 PM (Caribbean time; Tuesday 23 June, 5:59 AM in the Netherlands). In the form, we ask you to briefly introduce yourself, explain your motivation for applying and describe what you hope to gain from participating.

The application form is available in both Dutch and English. You can select your preferred language in the top-right corner of the form. An independent advisory committee appointed by the Fund will select up to six participants based on the submitted applications. Applicants will be informed of the outcome by mid-July 2026.

Questions?

Please contact us at: talentontwikkeling@fondsbjp.nl

