

Master class on forced displacement in Central America

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is pleased to offer a hands-on master class for journalists interested in deepening their understanding of forced displacement in the north of Central America and UNHCR's work in the region.

Over the course of three days, reporters will participate in an in-depth briefing and two field visits to at-risk communities in Honduras and El Salvador with the opportunity to interview community members and representatives of grassroots organizations working with them.

Applications to participate in the class are open to all journalists at regional or international media outlets, correspondents and freelancers, who regularly cover or have covered Central America or issues that are of concern to the region (immigration, internal displacement, etc.).

1. Relevant information

Number of participants: 10

Cost: The class and field visits are free of charge for selected participants although each journalist is responsible for his or her travel costs to and from Honduras and El Salvador.

A limited number of grants covering all travel, accommodation and a per diem are available for selected participants. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like to be considered for a grant.

Date: February 19 – 21 2020

Preliminary agenda:

Day 1 – San Salvador, El Salvador

In depth briefing on forced displacement in Central America

Presenters: UNHCR

Subjects:

- Forced displacement in Latin America
- General concepts on international protection
- Presentations from UNHCR specialists from the region
- Tips for protection-sensitive interviewing and photographing

Day 2 – San Salvador, El Salvador

Field visit

Interview opportunities with displaced persons or those at risk of displacement

At the end of the day, all participants must travel to Tegucigalpa, Honduras for the second leg of the master class.

Day 3 – Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Field visit

Interview opportunities with displaced persons or those at risk of displacement

2. Essential requirements to apply:

Participants must comply with the following requirements to apply:

- Spanish fluency is essential – the class and visits will be conducted in Spanish. No translation will be provided.
- A minimum of seven years professional journalism experience
- A track record in covering Central America or issues that affect the region (forced displacement, immigration issues).

3. Application

Required documents:

- Registration form. Remember to indicate whether you would like to be considered for a travel grant.
- Resume
- Letter of interest
- Two examples of your work published, posted or aired in the past two years dealing with refugees, forced displacement, immigration or violence in Central America.
- Proof of health and life insurance coverage valid through the dates of the class, and which cover both countries to be visited.
- Copy of valid passport.

Send the documents to panpamedia@unhcr.org by 6 pm ET 17 January 2020 with the subject line “Aplicación Periodistas 2020 – [Your full name]”.