**Opportunity for freelance journalist at the Religion Media Centre in Partnership with the Aziz Foundation**

The Religion Media Centre is an independent organisation, unaffiliated to any faith group, which seeks to help the media report religion.

We produce daily bulletins of religious news, a weekly summary, weekly zoom briefings where a panel discusses a story in the headlines and factsheets or explainers on the background to news stories about religion. This is our website [www.religionmediacentre.org.uk](http://www.religionmediacentre.org.uk).

Our ultimate beneficiary is society at large, where authoritative information about religion through the media can improve social cohesion and enhance the understanding of religion in society. We started with no followers in 2016 when we received our first grant, since then we have built a trusted reputation and have now surpassed a total reach of **one million** across all our online and offline platforms in our 2022-23 financial year.

We are now looking to bolster our news coverage by employing an experienced freelance journalist with an intimate understanding of British Muslim communities. They will contribute to our output across the board. In particular, we are looking at ways in which we can provide a weekly bulletin of Muslim news, including stories about British Islam and wider global stories of interest to a British audience.  We envisage that in the process of collecting these stories, the freelancer may expand some of them into longer articles and develop others which may turn into one of our weekly media briefings. We would want the freelance journalist to attend weekly editorial meetings on Friday mornings and contribute ideas. The journalist will be part of our experienced team of reporters who also work for national press and broadcast outlets. We all work from home.

Our ideal candidate will be:

* enthusiastic about finding stories from within British Islam and committed to giving them a wider platform to people outside the faith tradition
* share a broad understanding of religion in Britain, ideally having studied religion at university
* able to report objectively on their own faith
* share our approach to reporting religion well in order to aid understanding in society
* be experienced in writing news stories and willing to play a role in supervising any interns
* quick to learn new skills
* a team player

**JOURNALIST –** for one year

**What we need:**

* an experienced Muslim freelance journalist, with a journalism qualification,  who understands British Islam

**What they would do:**

* write a weekly bulletin of Muslim news, including stories about British Islam and wider global stories of interest to a British audience
* where appropriate expand these stories in to longer articles and if appropriate develop a story in to a weekly news briefing
* contribute to our output across the board
* become a  part of our team attending weekly editorial meetings on Friday mornings and contributing ideas.

**Time:**

* two and a half days a week @ £200 a day
* Up to 120 days a year.

**To apply**: Please supply a CV, and samples of published writings.

1. Create an account at <https://azizfoundation.scholarshipsplatform.com/>
2. Click on Start Application
3. Choose ‘Internships and Fellowships’ from the Category drop down menu.
4. Choose ‘Religion Media Centre’ from the Category dropdown menu. Complete all sections.
5. In the ‘personal statement’ section you should write your cover letter.