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Open Call for Bangladeshi Journalism Schools Investigative Journalism for Female Students

Application deadline: 25 March 2026

Fojo Media Institute at Linnaeus University, in collaboration with the Communication and Journalism Educators' Network (CJEN) Bangladesh, invites journalism schools/departments to apply for participation in a project to develop an extra-curricular course on investigative journalism for female students.

Three universities will be selected to collaboratively design the course, which will then be implemented at each university during 2026.

This project is part of AGILE, an EU-funded global initiative that strengthens journalism worldwide. Under the AGILE programme, Fojo Media Institute supports journalism education in 13 countries, including Bangladesh. [Read more here.](#)

About the Project

This project explores how journalism education can better prepare female students to produce investigative journalism. An **extracurricular course** will be developed and implemented in collaboration with journalism schools in six countries worldwide and tailored to local realities. In Bangladesh, the initiative will be implemented with **three universities**. Each university will receive a grant of **2 400 USD**. This amount will be used to implement the Investigative Journalism for Female Students course and to fund a publishing project.

Each university will select six students to participate in the publishing project. These students will work in pairs to develop and publish an investigative story. Ideas will be selected by participating journalism schools, and students will be supported by mentors from the media industry.



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Suggested format, delivery, and tentative timeline

April to May 2026: The selected universities (one journalism educator from each) meet twice to co-design the new course. The course aims to combine academic instruction, industry insights, and practical tools. The meeting is organised and funded by Fojo. Each university then adapts the course to its local and institutional context.

July to September 2026: The course is implemented at each university, with 6 sessions of 2 hours each, delivered either as an extracurricular module or integrated into existing coursework.

Publishing project (from September 2026): After the course, six students from each university will conduct their own investigation with the aim of publishing it in a student or other media outlet. The students will work in pairs, under the guidance of a mentor.

Fojo Media Institute will provide:

- Facilitation of the co-design process between universities
- Opportunities to participate in learning events to further improve and develop the course continuously
- Logistics and travel arrangements

Each university will receive a grant of **2 400 USD** to support them in implementing the course:

This will cover:

- 1000 USD for course implementation (staff time, administration, etc.)
- 900 USD for student stipends
- 500 USD for mentor fees.

Further instructions will be shared after the open call is completed. Fojo will also support with guest lecturers.

Expectations from participating universities:

- Actively participate in the course development
- Implement the course at the university
- Provide feedback on the co-design process



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- Provide narrative and financial reporting
- Select and administer stipends to students, and coordinate with mentors.

Eligibility

Media, Communication and/or Journalism schools or departments at accredited Bangladeshi universities with:

- A commitment to gender-inclusive journalism education
- Experience in curriculum development
- Capacity to manage small international grants and reporting

How to apply

Submit the application by filling in this form [Open Call: Extracurricular course on Investigative Journalism in Bangladesh](#). Kindly submit your latest CV and endorsement letter from either the department head/dean/registrar/pro vice chancellor/vice chancellor.

The deadline is 25 March 2026. The application shall be submitted to Fojo and will be assessed by Fojo and CJEN.

For further questions about the application process, contact Jude Genilo at jude.genilo@ulab.edu.bd, CJEN Executive Committee Chair and Pro Vice Chancellor at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB).

Fojo looks forward to your application and working together to strengthen journalism education in Bangladesh.