

IRE College Curriculum Toolkit Task Force

August 2022 Report

August 30, 2022 Meeting Via Zoom

Task Force Members Present

- **Nicole Carr**, ProPublica / Morehouse College
- **Dana Chinn**, USC Annenberg
- **Jamie Grey**, Investigate TV (Gray)
- **Josh Hinkle**, KXAN-TV / St. Edward's University / IRE Board of Directors
- **Jessica Jaglois**, University of Memphis
- **Jodi Upton**, Syracuse University / IRE Board of Directors

Task Force Members Absent

- **Kym Fox**, Texas State University (*notified Hinkle of a conflict before*)
- **Jennifer LaFleur**, Center for Public Integrity / American University
- **Gerry Lanosga**, Indiana University Bloomington (*notified Hinkle of a conflict before*)

IRE Staff Present

- **Liz Lucas**, Training Director
- **Laura Moscoso**, Training Director
- **Francisco Vara-Orta**, Director of Diversity & Inclusion

Working Group Updates

Outreach Working Group

This group has pulled together the lists of institutions with journalism programs/courses and the list of minority-serving institutions (MSI). Working through IRE staff, the next step will be to utilize a University of Missouri graduate assistant this fall to merge the two datasets, narrow the list of targets (keeping diversity top of mind) and establishing contacts for outreach. We would like to wrap this portion of the work by December/January.

Materials Working Group

This group has met brainstorm the toolkit's possible design and elements to include – including future iterations of the toolkit, which could be involve a “click and build” concept online, a stair-step approach for different levels of investigative experience, and a “best of” journalism example for each element outlined in the toolkit. The next step for this group will be to design a survey to be sent to the narrowed list of institutions (which could be broadened in future years after this pilot) mentioned above, possibly

delivered by that same graduate assistance utilizing either Google Forms or Survey Monkey. We would like to have this survey ready to be reviewed by the full task force by November 1.

Funding Working Group

This group has yet to meet but will do so before the full task force's next meeting.

Targeted Timeline

Fall 2022

- Graduate assistant merges datasets and establishes contacts for the narrowed list of institutions.

Nov. 1, 2022

- Materials Working Group delivers the rough draft of the outreach survey to the full task force for review before its next meeting.

Mid-November 2022

- Task force meets, offers input on the survey – which the Materials Working Group will then update and return to IRE staff for implementation.

December/January 2022

- Graduate assistant finalizes the narrowed list of institutions and sends the online survey to those institutions' contacts for return by February 2023.

February 2023

- Materials Working Group reviews survey results, compiles/categorizes responses for IRE staff to consider for crafting the toolkit.

March 2023

- Task force meets for an update on the survey results and a report from the Funding Working Group on monetary/membership questions raised in the task force's initial meeting.

May 2023

- Task force wraps work and delivers final report/recommendations for the toolkit to the IRE Board and IRE staff.

Summer-Fall 2023

- IRE staff compiles the toolkit.

January 2024

- Toolkit is ready to be shared with the targeted list of institution for the first year (with possible updates and an expanded list of institutions in future years).