

Columbia Journalism and Nikkei Announce Inaugural Scholarship Winner, Francesca Rose R. Regalado

30 October 2018 – Columbia Journalism School and Nikkei Inc., parent company of the Financial Times, the publisher of the Nikkei, and the Nikkei Asian Review named Francesca Rose R. Regalado, as the inaugural 2018-19 Columbia-Nikkei scholar for her outstanding academic achievement. The scholarship is awarded annually for the next four years to exceptional journalism school candidates with the desire to specialize in data and business reporting.

Regalado, a resident of the Philippines, was selected from a highly competitive pool of candidates. As the Columbia-Nikkei scholar, she's pursuing a Master of Science with a specialization from the Toni Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism. The Stabile program has graduated award-winning alumni and prepared graduates to thrive in today's fast-changing media environment. Regalado will graduate in May 2019.

"I am honored to have been selected as the inaugural Nikkei Scholar," said Francesca Regalado. "My first job as a professional journalist was in the Japanese media. The strength of the Japanese news industry provided me with resources and opportunities I would not have expected as a rookie reporter. Now, I am thrilled that Nikkei is further investing in the next generation of journalists who can take journalism not only in Japan, but also in Asia, my home region, into the global digital age."

Regalado was an economics reporter for the Yomiuri Shimbun, the Washington, D.C. bureau of Japan's largest daily, before enrolling in the Journalism School. As an economics reporter, she covered the renegotiations of The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Federal Reserve, The World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Prior to Yomiuri Shimbun, she interned for Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in New York. As an editorial intern, she conducted interviews with senior fellows and experts on the United Nations, China, climate and energy that informed CFR research primers. Previously, she was a publishing intern for CFR where she was responsible for writing book synopses and reports for the organization's newsletter.

She started her career as an intern for The New York Times writing headlines, editing copy, fact-checking and proofreading articles. In 2017, she graduated magnum cum laude from Seton Hall University in the U.S. with a dual degree in Diplomacy and International Relations and Modern Languages.

"For years, I worked to improve myself professionally to gain admission into Columbia Journalism School, but unforeseen circumstances in my family almost put those plans on hold," said Regalado. "The Nikkei Scholarship was a godsend, and without the generosity of donors like Nikkei, I would not have been able to see my dream through. My hope is that this scholarship will encourage Asian journalists like me to take a leap of faith and pursue journalism training at Columbia University, and ultimately raise the standards for journalism in our home region."

Students who are residents of Asia with an interest in data or business journalism will be considered for the Columbia-Nikkei Scholarship. Students are especially encouraged to apply for the [M.S. in Data Journalism](#) or the [M.A. Business and Economics Concentration](#).

About The Columbia Journalism School

For more than a century, the school has been preparing journalists in programs that stress academic rigor, ethics, journalistic inquiry and professional practice. Founded with a gift from Joseph Pulitzer, the school opened its doors in 1912 and offers Master of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Science in Data Journalism, a joint Master of Science degree in Computer Science and Journalism, and Doctor of Philosophy in Communications. It houses The Columbia Journalism Review, The Brown Institute for Media Innovation, The Tow Center for Digital Journalism, and The Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma. The school also administers many of the leading journalism awards, including the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Awards, the Maria Cabot Prizes, the John Chancellor Award, The John B. Oakes Award for Distinguished Environmental Journalism, Dart Awards for Excellence in Coverage of Trauma, Paul Tobenkin Memorial Award, and the Mike Berger Awards. www.journalism.columbia.edu

About Nikkei

Nikkei Inc. is a world-renowned media brand for Asian news, respected for quality journalism and for being a trusted provider of business news and information. Founded as a market news media in Japan in 1876, Nikkei has grown into one of the world's largest media corporations, with 37 foreign editorial bureaus and approximately 1500 journalists worldwide. Nikkei acquired the U. K.-based Financial Times in 2015. Our combined digital and print circulation totals over 3 million, and we are continually deploying new technologies to increase our readership.

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