Aim High FAQs

***When does it start and how long is it?***

We aim at kicking off the scheme in July 2018. It will start with 3 weeks of training and shadowing our editorial and production teams in London. The rest of the development programme, which lasts for 6 months, will link you to a BBC Arabic mentor who will be supporting you to produce and deliver your documentary project.

You should be available to attend the first 3 weeks of practical training in London and committed to the rest of the programme until the end.

***What does the training involve?***

You will receive training and an introduction to the BBC as well as radio, TV and digital journalism skills.  You will spend time shadowing different output areas in BBC Arabic.

***Will I be paid?***

No, this traineeship is offered to Arabic speaking journalists in the region who will not have the right to work in the UK. However, the completion of the programme qualifies the candidate to join the BBC Arabic pool of freelance stringers who are able to pitch ideas, produce material for the BBC and get paid per piece if commissioned.

***How fluent do I have to be in Arabic or English?***

You must be fluent in classical Arabic and able to speak, read and write to a good standard. If shortlisted, you will be tested in Arabic in later stage of the selection process. English is the main BBC language of communication and training however, we are mindful that English can be a barrier in some parts of the region, especially for people with disabilities. Therefore, and as part of our pledge to remove obstacles, English will not be one of the essential requirements for this opportunity but an advantage.

***Will AimHigh lead to a job with the BBC?***

The scheme does not lead to a job with the BBC and we are not offering any contracts after the scheme comes to an end.  However, we are always looking for future talent to work at the BBC and roles are advertised on the BBC’s Careers Hub website. The aim of the scheme is to help you to build your career profile and give you the necessary skills to compete for future opportunities.