

Independent Journalism for Independent Minds

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The Global Mail has been named as the first institutional member of the US-based International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), a partnership that will strengthen public-interest journalism in Australia and the region.

The Global Mail, which launched in February 2012, is a philanthropically funded investigative and long-form features, analysis and data-journalism website.

In addition to immediately commencing collaborative projects with the ICIJ on cross-border investigations, *The Global Mail* will launch the inaugural Global Investigative Journalism Fellowship.

"This announcement underscores my commitment to funding quality journalism, in particular long-form projects and investigations," says Graeme Wood, who last month was elected to the board of The Centre for Public Integrity and is also *The Global Mail*'s chairman. "As the ICIJ's founding institutional member, *The Global Mail* will work collaboratively on projects with the ICIJ and with other media partners around the world. It makes sense that most of TGM's involvement will be focused on Australia and the region, but cross-border investigations are key."

"This exciting new partnership with the ICIJ adds to our opportunities," says *The Global Mail*'s editor Lauren Martin. "We are focussed on project-based and investigative journalism, and telling those stories in digitally innovative ways. *The Global Mail*'s partnership with the ICIJ is indicative of the importance of Australia and the region in the global context."

Says *The Global Mail*'s CEO Jane Nicholls: "We are all well aware of how privileged we are to have Graeme's generous support to focus on quality journalism, and we're excited to be able to extend this to the inaugural ICIJ Global Investigative Journalism Fellowship. We will soon call for applicants from Australia, with the selection to be made jointly by TGM and the ICIJ."

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