



PRIVATE EYE PAUL FOOT AWARD 2026

for Investigative and Campaigning Journalism

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOON, TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2026

(Entries received after this date will not be considered)

WHAT IS THE PAUL FOOT AWARD?

The Private Eye Paul Foot Award for Investigative and Campaigning Journalism recognises the UK's most brilliant, talented and determined journalists working in the fields of investigative and campaigning journalism today, and was set up in memory of revered journalist Paul Foot, who died in 2004. The winner of the Private Eye Paul Foot Award 2025 will receive £8,000, while shortlistees will receive £1,500 per entry.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA

The submission must be journalistic work published in a UK-based newspaper or magazine, including digital-only publications; broadcast content is not eligible. Eligible entries must have been **first published between 5 March 2025 and 28 February 2026**, inclusive. Submissions may be produced by an individual journalist, a team of journalists, or a publication, and may comprise a standalone article, a multi-part investigation, or a campaign. Journalists may submit more than one entry, provided each entry is made using a separate application form.

A maximum of two entries may be submitted per journalist or team.

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Please send the following as PDF attachments to:

awards@private-eye.co.uk Subject: **The Paul Foot Award 2026**

Your application will not be considered complete until all items listed below have been received.

- **This application form** (*completed electronically; handwritten forms will not be accepted*).
- **Cover letter** (*maximum 2 A4 pages*): This may include an overview of your investigation or campaign, for example a brief history or context, key challenges, and major milestones.
- **PDF copies of submitted article(s)** in the format in which they originally appeared (print or online). For multi-part investigations and campaigns, please attach each article as a separate PDF, along with a separate A4 document listing all relevant articles and their publication dates. If your campaign ran over an extended period, we recommend including only a selection of key coverage as PDF attachments, while listing the remaining articles on the A4 document.
- **Please number the articles** and record how many you have attached. Links will not be opened.
- **For team entries:** Please nominate a single person as the point of contact and list all entrants in your order of preference.

ENTRY FORM ON FOLLOWING PAGE         



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APPLICATION FORM: Submission deadline, Noon, Tuesday 17th March 2026

Title of entry:

Name(s) of all journalists in the team:

Publication or website it first appeared in:

Original format:

Print

Web

Date of first publication (for multi-part campaigns please give date range):

Brief details of entry:

(Please keep this to 100 words or less)

CONTACT DETAILS

Please provide a single point of contact for correspondence

(This does not have to be one of the names listed above).

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

Postcode:

Contact telephone:

Email:

ENTRIES: Should be submitted as PDFs by email only to:

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QUERIES: Should be directed to Anna Zanetti at Midas PR

Tel: **0758 312 7515** Email: **Anna.Zanetti@midas-group.com**

BEFORE SUBMITTING: Please double-check that you have included

- PDF of this form, including list of all journalists involved in your submission
- Covering letter – no longer than 2 pages of A4
- PDF(s) of articles in their original format (print or web)
- For multi-part investigations / campaigns only, list of all relevant articles and their publication dates

The winning entry will be awarded £8,000 at an Awards Ceremony on 1st June 2026

(Note for collaborative entries: The prize money is awarded per entry not per person)

Details of the short-listed entries will be published at **www.private-eye.co.uk** in May 2026