Call for applications for a study visit entitled

POLITICAL JOURNALISM

March 9th – 19th, 2010
Boston, Massachusetts & Washington, DC

Up to fourteen political journalists (from Ireland and from Northern Ireland) representing print, television, radio and new media will be selected to participate in a funded study-visit examining trends and issues within political journalism. Topics will include the use and implications of new media, managing relationships and building trust, evaluating research, ethics, journalistic balance, and many other issues. Participants will meet with American journalists, academics, and political media spokespersons in Boston and DC. The programme is sponsored by the Irish Institute at the Centre for Irish Programmes, Boston College, and the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Programme-related costs including travel, accommodation, tuition, and the majority of meals are provided. The programme is not open to U.S. citizens, Green Card holders, or past participants of U.S. Government-funded Irish Institute programmes. Short-listed applicants must be available for interview either 26th January in Dublin or 27th January in Belfast. Please note that the programme is by necessity highly selective, and that consequently, not all applicants will be interviewed and not all interviewees will be invited to participate.

To apply: Please visit our website at http://www.bc.edu/irishinstitute for an application form. The completed form, in addition to a letter of interest, must be returned by email to Ms. Thea Gilien at gilien@bc.edu before 5 p.m. GMT on Monday, 18th January, 2010. The letter of interest should include: reason for application, your ability to contribute to the programme, and potential for sharing your experience upon your return home. For further information, please visit our website or telephone Ms. Thea Gilien (Dublin) at (353) 1 614 7450.