Science Writing Internship
Princeton University - Office of the Dean for Research

Summer 2019

Duties and Responsibilities

The Princeton University Office of the Dean for Research is seeking a highly motivated individual for a science writing internship. The intern will be responsible for writing about Princeton University research for a non-technical audience. The intern will write news articles, feature articles, web content and other items in the style used by major newspapers and magazines. Responsibilities include reading scientific papers, interviewing faculty members, writing, rewriting, compiling and editing information for reports, and acquiring illustrations.

Professional Development Opportunities

The intern will develop science writing skills that are applicable toward working in science journalism and institutional research communications. The articles produced by the intern will appear on the Research at Princeton web site (research.princeton.edu); in the print and online versions of Princeton's annual research publication (discovery.princeton.edu); and in other publications and types of media (podcasts, videos, social media) as appropriate.

Requirements

The intern must have excellent writing skills and possess the ability to write about science for the non-specialist. The intern's educational background should include previous training or current enrollment in science journalism or writing classes at the undergraduate or graduate level. The successful candidate must be capable of working in a fast-paced environment, meeting regular deadlines and handling multiple projects simultaneously. Skills in podcasting, video production and social media are also valuable.

Opportunity Details

Dates: Eight weeks (approximately early-June to early-August; exact dates are flexible)
Time: Full-time (40 hour/week)
Location: Princeton, New Jersey
Paid: $18/hour
Deadline to apply: March 3, 2019

To Apply

Applicants must provide a resume, cover letter and three science-related writing samples in the style of news articles, feature articles, blog postings or other pieces written for a non-specialist audience. Email the application (preferably as a single PDF) to Catherine Zandonella at czandone@princeton.edu.