

Editorial Internship

Washington, D.C.

The nation's capital has the highest rate of homelessness per capita in the United States and is one of the most economically divided cities in our country. Street Sense Media is looking for an aspiring journalist to help us explore solutions, hold power to account, and elevate the voices of people experiencing homelessness.

As an editorial intern, you'll work alongside our editors to pitch, report, and write stories; edit and design newspaper pages, and optimize online articles for maximum readership. Each intern covers one of five beats: health care, housing and development, youth and education, shelters and outreach, or employment and income.

You will leverage writing, photography/videography, and social media to engage readers, build trust, and report otherwise untold stories in a timely fashion. Along the way, you'll amass a portfolio, sharpen your interview skills, network with local professionals, and build technical proficiencies that will position you for a career in journalism. Alumni have also gone on to careers in education, government, public relations, and nonprofit management.

Internship periods: Fall semester, spring semester, or summer

Compensation: This is an unpaid internship. Academic credit can be provided.

We're looking for someone who...

- Has demonstrable research and writing skills, with the ability to craft engaging, fact-based narratives.
- Is enrolled in or recently graduated from a degree program in Journalism, Sociology, Political Science or a related field. This position is also open to college-age individuals who have experienced homelessness.
- Can dedicate 15+ hours per week to this position, half-time or full-time preferred.

Preferred but not required qualifications include...

- Technical proficiency with Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign and content management systems like WordPress.
- Spanish language proficiency.
- Data visualization and infographic creation experience.
- Photography and videography skills.

What you'll be doing:

- Investigating enterprise stories about the forces that perpetuate poverty and lead to homelessness.
- Covering events and writing feature profiles.
- Peer-editing and copyediting.
- Newspaper page design and web publishing.

How to apply: Please send a resume, cover letter and 3 writing samples to editor@streetsensemedia.org using this subject line: "[Semester, Year] Editorial Intern."

Deadlines for application: November 15 (spring) | April 1 (summer) | August 15 (fall)

Note regarding COVID-19: While we would prefer to have an intern who can cover events and visit Washington, DC locations in a socially distanced fashion, much of this internship can be completed remotely.

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