

AAJA-NC's Student Guide to Internships

Local Opportunities - Print

News and Observer

The News & Observer
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The Wilmington Star

StarNews Media, part of the New York Times Regional Media Group, is a multi-channel communications company that provides news, information, advertising and marketing services in print, on the Web and mobile devices and through event marketing. Our flagship products are the StarNews newspaper and website, StarNewsOnline.com.

Description and primary responsibilities

The Newsroom intern participates in newsgathering, editing and reporting to support our news, features and/or sports teams. Under the guidance of a supervising editor, the intern will have hands-on experience in planning, developing, and reporting stories and other items for our print and web platforms.

Fall and spring semester internships are designed to work around class schedules and require a commitment of approximately 8-12 hours a week. No compensation is offered.

Intensive summer internships offer greater opportunities for development and experience and require a commitment of approximately 25 to 40 hours a week. No compensation is offered.

Required/desired skills

No "real-world" journalism experience is required, though writing samples from student newspapers, academic classes, etc. should be included with applications.

Familiarity with social media, photography, desktop publishing software (Quark, InDesign), online blog platforms (WordPress, etc.) and video recording equipment is desired but not required

To apply

Send a cover letter, clips and resume to Community Engagement Editor Jeff Hidek at jeff.hidek@starnewsonline.com.

Independent Weekly

Editorial

We have an unpaid summer internship program, and we also take interns during the school year. No phone calls, please.

Arts & Entertainment, Film and Sports: Please e-mail your resume to Culture Editor [David Fellerath](#).

Music: Please e-mail your resume to Music Editor [Grayson Currin](#).

Photography: Please e-mail your resume to Staff Photographer [Derek Anderson](#) and/or Staff Photographer [Jeremy M. Lange](#).

General: Please e-mail your resume to Editor [Lisa Sorg](#).

Design & Production

We rarely have internship possibilities.

Ad Design: Please e-mail your resume to Production Supervisor [Nathan Golub](#).

Edit Layout and Illustrations: Please e-mail your resume to Art Director [Maria Bilinski Shain](#).

Advertising

Sales Intern: Each year we offer several internships. Please e-mail your resume to Advertising Director [Gloria Mock](#).

Local Opportunities - TV

News 14 Carolina

The Spring 2011 Internship posting is now online at www.timewarnercable.com/careers.

Anyone interested will need to submit their cover letter and resume through our normal recruitment process. Questions should be directed to the HR Generalist for News 14 Carolina, Vanessa Bowers, 919-882-4007.

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Internship Deadlines:

Summer Semester: (mid June – mid August) Last Monday in March

Fall Semester: (mid September – mid December) Last Monday in July

Spring Semester: (mid January – mid April) Last Monday in November

Application can be found here: <http://media.mgnetwork.com/ncn/pdf/Internship.pdf>

WRAL-TV

College students are only eligible for the News Production Assistant (NPA) position. The application process is entirely web-based. The interested party should review the job webpage (<http://cbc-raleigh.com/> on the Careers tab) regularly for current openings. Because many of the positions within this category are filled with college students pursuing degrees primarily in Mass Communications or Journalism, we have the highest tendencies of openings just prior to and a few weeks after the beginning of school terms.

This is a clerical support position to the News Assignment Desk, which is the area of the Newsroom that is responsible for information gathering of happenings within our viewing area, disseminating this info to the applicable News staff and assigning News teams (reporter and photographer) to cover the event/occurrence. We attempt to keep a 50-75% ratio of college students in this position to provide them practical work experience in their field of study. We primarily interview college students (sophomore - senior year) or recent graduates for this position.

The position period is generally 2 weeks from posting. Once that posting is closed, the hiring manager will review applications posted. Candidates are selected for interview from the pool of web-applicants as well as any internal employees desiring to make a transition into the News environment. Interviews are conducted by several News managers and leading candidates are then interviewed by our General Manager or Station Operations Manager.

Any potential employee selected must submit to drug screening and a background check. If they pass the applicant screenings, a job verbal offer is extended, followed by a written offer which details the particulars of the hire. Once an offer is accepted by an applicant, appointments are scheduled for assimilation into the company and department.

JOB ESSENTIALS:

Assist producers, assignment editors and directors with daily newscast preparation. Individual will organize news scripts and rundowns, answer News Desk telephone inquiries, make police and fire department beat checks, make story follow-up calls as directed by assignment editors, producers and reporters, sort and distribute mail. This individual will also staff the Viewer Information Line which is responsible for retrieving the voice-mail inquiries from the established line, research questions asked and follow-up with the viewer regarding the results. Must be able to work 20-30 hours weekly across a variety of shifts (including overnights, early mornings and weekends).

REQUIRED SKILLS:

Functional computer skills, Internet research skills, exceptional telephone handling skills are a must.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Currently attending college or possess a college degree with a concentration in broadcast or media journalism.

Tips: The News environment can be intense, fast-paced and most times quite demanding. The day-to-day tasks of an NPA require the ability to concentrate amidst noise and activity as well as the ability to filter through noise to hear the important. It helps to be a confident person with a

thick skin, in that most persons working within a news environment are strong communicators and quick on their feet by necessity. Being a clear communicator is essential in that there is a lot of info is shared in the course of a shift and we must be accurate. Flexibility is a must! A willingness to work unusual shifts because News is a 24-hr industry and someone has to come in at those awful hours and that won't change.

WTVD / ABC 11

Who is eligible?

Juniors, seniors, and graduate students enrolled in college may be eligible to participate in the student intern program. We look for students who are dedicated and eager to learn about the television industry.

In what departments can I intern?

ABC 11 offers internships in News, Creative Services, Engineering, Sales, Web Operations, and Community Affairs.

Will I get paid and how long is the program?

Students must receive college credit for the internship since there is no monetary compensation. Check with your school to see what opportunities are available for academic credit. There are three internship sessions: Winter/Spring, Summer, and Fall. Each session is between 10 to 12 weeks long.

You are required to work a minimum of 10 hours or a maximum of 15 hours per week.

How do I apply?

Submit a cover letter, resume, and letter of recommendation by the deadline for the semester for which you are applying. Graduate students must also supply proof of enrollment to a graduate program.

To apply or for an internship fill out the form online:

http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/feature?section=news/videos_photos&id=7149492

If you wish to mail a hard copy, send it to the address below.

Attn: Community Affairs
ABC 11 Eyewitness News
411 Liberty Street
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 687-2255

Application deadlines:

Fall Semester: Last Monday in July
Winter/Spring Semester: Last Monday in November
Summer Semester: Last Monday in March

Local Opportunities - Radio

WUNC RADIO

WUNC Radio is accepting applications for news internships. The station is interested in aspiring journalists and students who are familiar with public radio and would like to give it a try.

News interns work with the WUNC news staff on newscasts covering North Carolina. They write broadcast copy; gather and edit newscast tape; attend and cover press conferences and other news events; conduct research for news stories and series; and perform other administrative tasks.

The internship requires good writing, technical and computer skills.

News interns work out of our Durham office at the American Tobacco Historic District (opposite the Durham Bulls Athletic Park).

This opportunity is open to graduate and undergraduate students. Internships are available throughout the year and generally last for one semester, beginning in January, May and September. The internships are unpaid.

To apply, please send a resume and letter to news@wunc.org. The letter should describe why you are interested in public radio journalism and what you want to learn from the internship. Please put "News Internship Application" in the subject line of your message.

1360 WCHL

WCHL News Intern

WCHL has an opening for a news intern. You will get experience in news writing for radio and on-air experience. Our news department needs help in our effort to give complete coverage to Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough and UNC. If you are interested in a broadcasting career, this is the perfect place to start. Please call Christy Dixon at 918-2014 x216 if you have any questions.

WCHL Marketing & Promotions Intern

WCHL has an opening for marketing & promotions interns. This internship offers invaluable experience along with the opportunity to become a part of Chapel Hill's only community-focused radio station. Dedicated, hard-working individuals are needed to assist in the station's marketing and promotional efforts to strengthen and expand WCHL's presence in the community. If you are interested in a marketing and/or radio career, this is a great opportunity.

For more information or to send your resume, email jjones@wchl1360.com.

NATIONAL AAJA STUDENT MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

These are some of the current programs geared to AAJA's student members.

Nao Vang is the national group's student programs coordinator and can get members more details and application information: (415) 346-2051 x 102 or programs@aja.org.

INTERNSHIPS

- The Associated Press Internship: This internship will be a 12-week, individually-tailored training program for students who are aspiring print, photo, graphics and multimedia journalists.
- NBC Summer Partnership: NBC Universal will offer two students the opportunity to become NBC Fellows and join one of the following NBC Programs for summer 2010 as interns. Please check back in the spring 2011.
- Sports Journalism Institute: This opportunity is a nine-week training and internship program for college students interested in sports journalism careers. Deadline is November 8, 2010.

INTERNSHIP GRANTS

- Print and Online News Grants: Internship grants of up to \$1,500 to students. Made possible by the Chicago Tribune Foundation and the William Woo Internship Fund.
- Broadcast News Grants: Internship Grants of up to \$2,500 to aspiring AAPI television or radio male broadcasters. Made possible by the scholarship fund of Lloyd LaCuesta and the late Sam Chu Lin.
- Stanford Chen Internship Grants: One grant of \$1,750 to college students who are interns at small- to medium-size media.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Mary Moy Quon Ing Memorial: This scholarship was established by a retired Washington Post editor who named this in honor of her late mother, Mary Moy Quon Ing. The scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors or college students pursuing Journalism as a career. AAJA will award three students \$1,000 each. Please check back in January of 2011.
- City University of New York-AAJA Scholarship: (Grad School) CUNY will provide \$7,500 to an AAJA member to enroll in CUNY's innovative, three-semester program leading to an M.A. in journalism

TRAINING

CONVENTION NEWS: This program will provide "mojo" (mobile journalism) and other news training opportunities to college students and professionals at the 2011 AAJA National Convention. Participants work to publish a daily newspaper, news casts and web publications during the convention, gaining hands-on experience and mentoring with working professionals.

More opportunities are available on the [National AAJA website](#)