January 29, 2019

1. Introduction to Peer Tutoring Offered for Spring 2019

This class will introduce you to the work of writing centers, communication center, and peer-to-peer teaching through reading, discussion, and observations. This class will be an 8-week one course (Jan. 25 - Mar 8). For more information about this course, please contact Dr. Laura Stengrim at laura.stengrim@usm.edu or Amy Carey, M.A. at amy.carey@usm.edu.

2. RTDNA/F Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

The application window for RTDNA/F scholarships is currently open. We will be accepting applications through January 18th, with the possibility of an extension through January 31st.

We offer nine scholarship opportunities for students, ranging from $1,000-$10,000. Scholarship recipients will also have the chance to attend the 2019 Excellence in Journalism conference in San Antonio. For additional information about these scholarships, please visit https://www.rtdna.org/content/scholarships

3. Internship and Job Opportunities

A. Internship Opportunities

II. Visit Hattiesburg Internship
Visit Hattiesburg is looking for TWO interns for the spring semester, both of which have the potential to turn into a part-time job for the summer. A qualified candidate will be a quick learner, adaptable, have excellent writing skills, and work well independently. Additional knowledge and skills for this position will include, social media experience, editing, presentation and communication skills, positive attitude, and familiarity with newsletter software such as Emma, MailChimp, or Constant Contact. Resumes may be submitted to pcrane@visithburg.org for review. Samples of work or a portfolio are preferred. *Internships with Visit HATTIESBURG are unpaid but can be completed in exchange for course hours if proper documentation is provided at the beginning of the semester.

III. MADE Internship
The MADE (Marketing and Advertising Education) internship is a leadership development program for students interested in becoming the future leaders of the marketing and advertising industry. Founded by the ANA Educational Foundation, the MADE internship places you in a summer intern program at one of more than 50 marketing, advertising, or media companies, with participants including MasterCard, IBM, Sephora, McCann, Mcgarry Bowen, and Ogilvy & Mather. Positioned as the "common app" for summer intern programs, this paid program is designed to provide students with the skills, the mentors, and the training that will help you thrive in the industry. For additional information about this internship program, please visit https://boards.greenhouse.io/theanaeducationalfoundation/jobs/14372967qh_src=98a17dfc1
B. Job Opportunities

I. Student Printz Hiring Graphic Designers

The Student Printz is hiring graphic designers to help design and layout the newspaper pages. The positions are paid and look great on any resume. If interested, please contact Andrew Abadie for information.

II. USM Center for Community Engagement

USM's Center for Community Engagement has a position available for an undergraduate student who can develop and implement a public relations and outreach campaign for the Leadership Experience program. This position could be an internship opportunity or a part-time job.

Job Responsibilities:

- Creates and executes a public relations campaign for the Leadership Experience academic certificate with campaign components including but not limited to print materials, tabling/event activities, social media presence, website updates, targeted recruitment, radio, etc.
- Host tabling events, info sessions, and other events as necessary to promote the program.
- Communicate with students enrolled in certificate regarding leadership opportunities and certificate progress.
- Work a set schedule each week up to 10 hours.

For more information, contact Christy Arrazattee at Christy.arrazattee@usm.edu or 601-266-6467.

III. Career Services Ambassador Program

Career Services has a position open in its Ambassadors program. Ambassadors are trained to serve in an outreach role to students by promoting career resources, programs, and events throughout the academic school year.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct presentations to student groups and classrooms
- Organize and operate information tables across campus
- Promote special events and workshops
- Distribute marketing materials across campus
- Represent Career Services during campus special events
- Some evening programs required and occasional weekends
- Ability to meet a minimum of 10 hours per week
- Must be awarded work study

For more information, contact Jasmine Coleman-Miller at jasmine.m.coleman@usm.edu or 601-266-4153.

IV. Report for America Has 50 Reporting Positions Open

The program will field 50 new reporting positions this year

Deadline for Corps Member Applications Extended to February 8

Boston, MA, January 17 — Report for America, a national service program that places talented emerging journalists in local newsrooms to report on under-covered topics and communities announced today the newsrooms that will host Report for America corps member starting in June 2019.

To win the right to host one or more reporters, each news organization had to demonstrate that there is a civically-important gap in coverage and that they have a strong plan to deploy new reporting resources in the public interest. Some focused on geographic gaps, and others on coverage of particular issues or communities.

Among Report for America’s 2019 news organizations, spanning 26 states and territories, were Centro de Periodismo Investigativo, a respected nonprofit watchdog group in Puerto Rico, the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead in North Dakota, the
Pulitzer Prize-winning Cincinnati Enquirer and Associated Press. Among the 50 reporting positions (new and renewals) in the 2019 corps, announced today, 18 will be placed in non-profit organizations, 3 in weeklies, 7 in public radio stations and more than two dozen in newspapers. Additional news organizations and reporting positions will be announced in the coming weeks, bringing the total number of corps members to 60 in 2019. Full details here.

The new positions include:

- **Associated Press** (Connecticut, New York) -- Statehouse coverage for Connecticut and New York, focused on criminal justice and mental health issues
- **Block Club Chicago** (Illinois) -- Covering the Austin and North Lawndale neighborhoods on the West Side of Chicago
- **Buffalo Bulletin** (Wyoming) -- The local energy production industry in Johnson County
- **CALMatters** (California) -- Three reporters will cover poverty throughout the state in a partnership led by CALMatters that also includes the San Jose Mercury News and the Fresno Bee
- **Centro de Periodismo Investigativo** (Puerto Rico) -- Watchdog reporting on hurricane recovery efforts in Puerto Rico
- **Chalkbeat** (New Jersey) -- Education reporting in Newark, NJ
- **Charleston Gazette-Mail** (West Virginia) -- Poverty in southern West Virginia
- **The Charlotte Observer** (North Carolina) -- Affordable housing crisis and poverty in Charlotte
- **Chattanooga Times Free Press** (Tennessee) -- Local coverage of religion and faith communities
- **Chico Enterprise-Record, Ukiah Daily Journal** (California) -- Fire recovery in northern California
- **Cincinnati Enquirer** (Ohio) -- Local government watchdog reporting in Northern Kentucky
- **Connecticut Mirror** -- Mental health and criminal justice
- **Desert Sun** (California) -- Native American issues in Coachella Valley, California
- **Detroit Free Press** (Michigan) -- Issues related to the re-entry of formerly incarcerated citizens into the community
- **El Nuevo Herald** (Florida) -- Coverage of Nicaraguan, Mexican, Honduran, Dominican, Colombian and Venezuelan communities in Miami-Dade County
- **Forum of Fargo-Moorhead** (North Dakota) -- Covering local schools
- **Honolulu Civil Beat** (Hawaii) -- Cover public health across the islands, including health disparities among Native Hawaiians.
- **KUER** (Utah) -- Two reporters, one focusing on Native American populations in southern Utah and the other on Washington County
- **Lexington Herald-Leader** (Kentucky) -- Health care in eastern and southern Kentucky
- **Malheur Enterprise** (Oregon) -- Latino issues in rural Oregon
- **Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting** (Maine) -- Statehouse coverage, especially related to education
- **Modesto Bee** (California) -- Children’s health in the Central Valley
- **News & Observer** (North Carolina) -- Watchdog reporting related to the Hurricane Florence recovery
- **Q City Metro** (North Carolina) -- Housing and gentrification in Charlotte, N.C. through the lens of the African American community
- **Sacramento Bee** (California) -- Coverage of Hmong, Chinese, Vietnamese, Indian, Cambodian and Japanese communities
- **Salt Lake Tribune** (Utah) -- Two reporters, one covering San Juan County and one covering women’s issues
- **Spectrum News Buffalo** (New York) -- Mental health issues in Buffalo
- **Spokesman-Review** (Washington) -- Public health in eastern Washington state
- **Sun-Gazette** (California) -- Agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley
- **The Advocate** (Louisiana) -- Public health in south Louisiana
- **The City** (New York) -- Juvenile justice in the Bronx
- **WCAI** (Massachusetts) -- Climate change and its impact on the communities of Cape Cod and the south shore of Massachusetts
- **West Virginia Public Broadcasting** (West Virginia) -- State government as it impacts southern West Virginia
- **Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism** -- Criminal justice misconduct
- **WPLN** (Tennessee) -- Criminal justice in Nashville
- **And another 5 to 10 will be announced in the coming weeks.**
Report for America has extended the deadline for corps member applications to February 8, 2019.

The corps member application and information can be found here: [https://www.reportforamerica.org/rfa-corps-members/](https://www.reportforamerica.org/rfa-corps-members/)

This group includes newsrooms that were recruited as a part of special initiatives in California, Connecticut, and New York.


Report for America currently has 13 reporters in Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky, New Mexico, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, and West Virginia. The leap in 2019 to 60 reporters nationwide and the goal of 1,000 reporters by 2023 speaks to the urgent need to close the local news reporting gap. The program, funded by both private and public donors, pays for half of each reporter’s salary and the remainder is covered by the local newsroom and local benefactors.

RFA corps members typically have 3 to 6 years of experience, while some are accomplished, recent graduates. More than half of the current corps members have returned to their home states.


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V. Job Opening at the Foundation

A Communication Specialist position is open at the University of Southern Miss Foundation. To apply and see additional details about this position, please visit [https://usm.csd.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?id=408&site=1](https://usm.csd.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?id=408&site=1)

VI. Community Outreach Coordinator at Kids Hub Child Advocacy Center

Kids Hub City is looking for a full-time community outreach coordinator. This position will promote education and outreach through Kids Hub Child Advocacy Center service area regarding child abuse issues. Routine duties will include marketing the program, scheduling presentations, organizing program materials, coordinating program evaluation, volunteer management and preparing reports for funding sources. Candidates must have a bachelor’s degree in communications, marketing, or related fields. For additional information on this position, please click [here](#). Interested candidates can send their resume to didi.ellis@kidshubms.com

VII. Delta News Job Openings

Delta News in Greenville, MS, has full-time positions for a sports reporter, anchor, and meteorologist. Interested candidates should send their cover letter, resume, and link or work sample to mrigsby@deltanews.tv

4. Kinney, Fernandez, and Boire Scholarship

The KF&B Scholarship was created to help students get the education that they need to take the journey into adulthood. The Tampa personal injury attorneys at KF&B understand that education is expensive and want to help one lucky student take a little bit of the stress away from wondering how they’re going to afford school.
Applicants will be required to submit a 500-word essay by no later than March 31, 2019, and the winner will be awarded a $1,000.00 scholarship by April 31, 2019.

Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for this $1000 scholarship if you meet one of the below requirements.

A high school senior that has been accepted into a college or university

A current college student that is not in their final year.

Guidelines

KF&B wants to hear your answer to the question, "What is one law that you think should be implemented to make the world a better place and why?", in 500 words or less.

Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2019. Applications submitted after this date may be considered for the following years scholarship.

Winner Selection

Committee members will review all of the applicants and present the top contenders to the greater scholarship committee for the selection of one winner. The winner of the $1000 KF&B Scholarship will be contacted in April 2019 and will have two weeks to respond before a runner up is selected.

5. CPRAM Scholarships

The College Public Relations Association of Mississippi (CPRAM) offers two $1,000 scholarships per year for students majoring in public relations, communications, journalism, advertising, mass communications, political communications, crisis management, graphic design, or other communication-oriented major.

The scholarships could be awarded to a student entering or enrolled at the state’s two-year colleges or the state’s four-year colleges. The student must also be a full-time student.

http://www.cpram.ms/scholarships.html

Scholarship Requirements:

- Must be majoring in one of the following fields of study: public relations, communications, journalism, advertising, mass communications, political communications, crisis management, graphic design or other communication-oriented major.
- Must be entering or enrolled as a full-time student at a state’s two-year or four-year college.
- Must be in good standing and present three letters of recommendation from individuals connected to their academic institution.

Applicants must complete in full the scholarship application and return it to the scholarship committee no later than Feb. 15, 2019. Applicants must also include a 500-word essay entitled, "With all the changes being made in the field of Communications, what skills do I have to keep up with these changes?"

The committee will announce the winner(s) during its annual conference held in May. The scholarship will then be awarded for the 2019 fall term.

For more information, contact CPRAM scholarship chairman Steve Diffey at 662-472-9068 or sdiffey@holmescc.edu.

6. SPRF Scholarship

Goal: To assist a student in earning an undergraduate degree in a communications-related field of study. Special consideration will be given to students pursuing a career in public relations.
Award: A $1000 Tuition Scholarship

Eligibility: Any SPRF junior or senior student member currently enrolled fulltime in a four-year university and pursuing an undergraduate degree in a communications-related field of study who meets the eligibility requirements may apply.

Requirements:

- Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Must be a rising junior or senior.
- Must be a full-time student.
- Must be enrolled in a communications-related field of study.
- Must be a member of SPRF. Membership is gained by joining a local affiliated organization.
- One-page essay submission (500-1,000 words) on an explanation of your goals and desired roles in the public relations field.
- A written summary of public relations activities, both professional and volunteer
- Two letters of recommendation, one from faculty and one from a SPRF member other than your faculty member.
- Resume.
- Consideration to attend the annual SPRF Conference.
- Official transcript
- All paperwork must be received by April 15.

Note: All applications should be sent in a Word document. Names will be removed before sending to judges for a blind review of applications. Please email application to lvdarnell@una.edu.