

## **Dean's Internship with Current** **Editorial Intern – Fall 2018**

### **Current position description:**

Current seeks a graduate student or advanced undergraduate in journalism to research and report on issues affecting the future of noncommercial media in the United States.

#### **Criteria:**

- Analytical, quantitative and writing skills
- Interest in journalism, public broadcasting, media economics and/or public policy
- Print media and web publishing skills preferred; however, we provide training for these skills as needed for the position
- Current junior, senior, or graduate student in SOC with a **minimum OVERALL 3.5 GPA**

Current is an independent news service covering public media — including PBS, NPR and stations — and issues related to their programming and funding. We operate a website, publish a newspaper and produce podcasts. We seek an intern with strong writing skills and the ability to think analytically about media and how it is funded, created and distributed. The successful candidate will work as part of an editorial team that collaborates on various aspects of news reporting and publishing.

Familiarity with WordPress is strongly desired for this position; quantitative skills, interest in journalism, media economics, content production and public policy are all plusses. Some experience in print media, photography or web production preferred.

#### **Dates & Hours:**

- September-December
- 10-15 hours per week; schedule to be worked out with Current supervisor.

#### **Compensation:**

- Graduate student: 10-15 hours/week, \$15.50/ hour
- Undergraduate junior or senior: 10-15 hours/week, \$12.50/hour

**Location:** Convenient to Metro. Three blocks from Takoma station on Red Line near Silver Spring

## Application Procedure:

To apply, submit the following materials to [deansinternships@american.edu](mailto:deansinternships@american.edu):

- **Application** (pages 3 and 4 of this document) **Please note:** After completing (typed) your application, save it as a NEW pdf. Title it with your name as follows: LastName-CURRENT.pdf
- **Resume**; OR link to your web portfolio with intern/job history and samples of your work. Save as LastName-Resume-CURRENT.doc
- **Three writing samples.** Provide One Word document with three writing samples or links to published articles or media files that best represent your skills related to this position. Please indicate the context of the samples – a published work (with link and where/when published; a class assignment (what and which class); and/or marketing collateral material (what promotional campaign) or writing samples (copied into one Word doc) that represent your skills related to this position. Save as LastName-WorkSamples-CURRENT.doc

## Application Deadline: 11:00 pm Monday, August 13, 2018

This Dean's Intern position is offered through the SOC DI program in collaboration with Current. Unlike other intern positions posted on Current's [website](#) or AU's [Career Center](#), you must have a **minimum OVERALL GPA of 3.5** and no academic violations to apply as a Dean's Intern for this specific role. This position is open to undergraduate (juniors and seniors) and graduate students with a major or minor in SOC. Students who successfully complete their Dean's Internship will be presented with the distinguished DI medallion to wear during Commencement.

Based on the strength of your portfolio and a faculty review of applicants, top candidates who most strongly match the position's criteria will be shared with Current's hiring supervisor, who will make the final decision. You may be contacted directly by Current at any time following your application. Please let us know if you are offered the position since you will likely hear first.

**NOTE:** If you would like academic credit for this Dean's Internship, you are responsible for those arrangements. Contact your academic advisor directly to determine eligibility based on your remaining degree requirements. If eligible for credit, you must complete all registration and release forms, and enroll for internship supervision prior to the 'Add' course deadline.

### SOC Requirements

- Each Dean's Intern must provide a brief biography and photo of themselves so that we can announce your selection and feature you on SOC's [website](#) and social media.
- DI's must also submit a blog post with on-the-job action photos/selfies for the Dean's Intern [Blog](#).

**Questions?** Contact SOC Dean's Intern Coordinator, Lydia Schindler – [lydias@american.edu](mailto:lydias@american.edu), 202-885-2220; Or drop by McKinley Rm # 215 to introduce yourself and us know of your interests.

## Current Dean's Internship Application – Fall 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a graduate or undergraduate student? \_\_\_\_\_

Expected month and graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website / Online portfolio: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you commit to working the required hours per week at Current?

### **Please answer the following questions:**

1. Current seeks interns with strong writing skills, the ability to think analytically about news developments in media and journalism, and a willingness to work as part of a collaborative editorial team. Familiarity with Word Press is strongly desired for this position; quantitative skills, interest in journalism, media economics, content production and public policy are all plusses. Some experience in print media or web production preferred, visual journalism skills are desired but not required. Please tell us about your experience and strengths in these areas.

2. What distinguishes you as the best candidate for this position?

3. What are your career aspirations? How will this internship help you achieve these?

4. Please include the names of three SOC professors, along with their email addresses, who best know your work: