

WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO

Number of positions to fill: 1

Working Title: Second Century News Fellow

Official Title: Associate Broadcast Specialist

Application deadline: 3/12/21

SALARY

The salary for the Second Century Fellow is \$3,500 per month

DEGREE AND AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

No degree required

MINIMUM YEARS AND TYPE OF RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

- Previous broadcast news internship or at least one year of relevant professional experience (experience in educational and student media is acceptable)
- Demonstrated ability to generate news story ideas
- Some experience producing or re-purposing news material for the web
- Some experience voicing stories
- Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines
- Demonstrated ability to operate radio production equipment

NOT REQUIRED BUT DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Previous public radio experience

POSITION SUMMARY

The Second Century Fellowship is designed for a recent graduate or early career reporter and is meant to prepare journalists of color, and those from other groups underrepresented in the media industry, for a successful career in news. This individual will be a general assignment reporter responsible for producing newscast-length stories and, occasionally, feature-length material. The fellow will also contribute to WPR's online news efforts. Regular and concentrated coaching on writing, editing, voicing and other aspects of radio news reporting is an important developmental element of this fellowship. This position is based in Milwaukee and reports to the Assistant News Director. This position will operate remotely at present but will eventually be expected to report to the office.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES

1. Prepare news reports for statewide use. At times, the Fellow may also discuss their latest story on one of WPR's talk programs.
2. Contribute to our website, WPR.org, and other digital projects daily and collaborate with our digital content team on both long-term and short-term multimedia projects.
3. Keep up on current issues, events, and newsmakers, in Wisconsin.
4. Participate in on-air fundraising and public appearances/promotional events as requested. Participate in news division, and statewide meetings.
5. Operate control board and field reporting equipment.
6. Other duties as apparent or assigned.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The salary for the Second Century Fellow is \$3,500 per month. The Second Century Fellow will also receive health and dental benefits during the term of the fellowship.

The person in this position will be required to comply with the WPR Ethical Guidelines for Editorial Staff located here: <https://www.wpr.org/wpr-ethical-guidelines>, in addition to the UW-Madison code of ethics.

HOW TO APPLY:

Apply online at <https://jobs.hr.wisc.edu> by 3/12/21. The job number is 231510.

The following must be received for your application to be complete: 1) Resume; 2) A cover letter describing how your experience relates to the job duties and minimum and desirable qualifications 3) A sound sample of a news report. You may provide a link (preferred) or an mp3 file. If you don't have samples from previous work, you may create a report specifically for this application. 4) Three samples of radio news scripts you have prepared. If you don't have examples from previous work, you may create scripts specifically for this application. 5) Three samples of published web copy. If you don't have examples from previous work, you may create stories specifically for this application.

NOTE: Please be sure to address the below in your cover letter.

- a) Your experience generating original story ideas
- b) Your experience writing web copy and/or re-purposing radio copy for the web
- c) Your experience meeting deadlines
- d) Your experience voicing radio copy

As applicants progress to interviews, they will need to provide at least three professional references with titles, emails, and phone numbers (include at least one supervisory reference).

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