



Eight Forty-Eight and News Cast Internships

About Chicago Public Radio

Chicago Public Radio is a community-supported, non-commercial public broadcasting institution, serving a listening audience of nearly 500,000. Broadcasting throughout Chicago and the surrounding regions, including northwest Indiana, southwest Michigan and southeast Wisconsin. We offer programs that speak with many voices to community needs and are a reflection of the distinctive and diverse Chicago area. We help listeners learn about issues and ideas that affect the community, the nation and the world. In addition, Chicago Public Radio is home to nationally-distributed programs such as *This American Life*, *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me* and *Sound Opinions*. We are Chicago's only NPR member station.

About the Internships

Through a generous grant from The Davee Foundation, Chicago Public Radio will be selecting a total of six aspiring journalists for a paid internship opportunity in our News Cast Unit, and our award winning news magazine show Eight Forty-Eight. Interns will gain hand on experience in a major market news room, to help them cultivate skills for a career in broadcast journalism.

This is a four month internship with a 35-40 hour a week commitment. Interns will receive a stipend of \$5000.

The Eight Forty-Eight intern is involved in all facets of producing a daily news magazine show. Intern tasks include: assisting in the conception of program segments, booking guests for segments, fact checking, researching information, gathering audio, editing segments, posting features on the web, assisting the director during the live broadcast, and making audio copies of stories and shows for guests. As their final project interns will learn how to direct the show and produce a segment for air.

The News Cast intern receives mentoring and training from editors, anchors, reporters, and news producers to help generate content for "drive time" local newscasts. Interns will have the opportunity to cover press conferences, write spot news scripts, and gather audio that will be broadcast during our morning and afternoon local newscasts. Interns will also be involved with researching, contacting news sources, fact checking, as well as posting news content to the Web site. As part of their final project, interns may have to opportunity to produce a news feature.

Eligibility

In order to qualify, applicants must be junior or senior standing in a college level (undergraduate or graduate) journalism program. Or have received a degree in journalism within the past 12 months.

Do not submit this page with your application.



Application Form
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (First) (Last) Date of Application
Address (Street, City, State, Zip) Phone #

AVAILABILITY

Which times of year are you able to work as an intern?

- WINTER TERM [Jan - April]
SPRING TERM [Mar-June]
SUMMER TERM [May - August]

Note: There are two paid internship slots per term one for each program.

EDUCATION

College or University Dates
Major/Minor Degree
Graduate School Dates
Major/Minor Degree

If you are currently enrolled in a college or university, please select your academic level:

- Junior
Senior
Graduate Program

Anticipated graduation date:

Please list any previous journalism fellowships, scholarships or awards you've received.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Organization Name Dates
Title Supervisor
Organization Name Dates
Title Supervisor

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY CONTINUED

Organization Name

Dates

Title

Supervisor

If you are extended an internship, can you provide proof of authorization to work in the U.S.

Yes

No

OTHER INFO

How did you find out about this internship?

If you are not selected for this internship, would you like to be considered for one of our unpaid internships?

Yes

No

Have you ever applied for an internship with us before?

Yes

No

Please describe any other skills or other internship related qualifications that would support your application:

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE

I certify that all of my answers given here are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that supplying false information herein shall result in immediate disqualification for consideration for an internship, or termination from an internship regardless of when such false information is discovered.

X

Applicants Signature

Today's Date

ESSAY QUESTIONS

In a separate document, please type your answers to following.

- **Statement of Purpose**
Tell us about your academic and professional goals. Why do you wish to become a journalist? Please describe how this internship (either the Eight Forty-Eight or News Cast) would fit into those goals. Not to exceed 250 words.
- **Name an issue impacting your local community that you would cover as a journalist**
The essay should cover the following areas: A description of the topic and who does it impact. How did you become interested in this topic? How would you go about covering it? What sort of story would you want to tell, and from what perspectives. Why do you believe the topic would make a good news story? Not to exceed 500 words.

Hints for writing a successful essay

As we review essays, we look for evidence that your statement of purpose and your essay topic are well thought out, clearly written, with attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Finally, essays should not read like academic papers, but instead "sound" like your own voice. If you are selected for an interview, be prepared discuss your essay topic.

Required Application Materials

When applying, your application package should contain the following:

1. A fully completed, signed, and dated application
2. Completed essay questions
Your name and contact information should be on your essay sheet.
3. Resume or Curriculum Vitae
4. Letters of Reference
Your application should include three letters of recommendation. If you are currently enrolled in a college or university journalism program, one of your letters of reference must come from a college professor, or academic advisor who is familiar with your work and journalism interest.
5. Copy of school transcripts
Or official documentation showing standing in your program or graduation.
6. Samples of Work
Candidates should include no more than three journalism samples. They should be photo copies of articles written, or print outs of Web pages. For broadcast work, they should be submitted on DVD or CD with a description of the work. Your name should be on your demo. Submission materials become property of Chicago Public Radio and will not be returned.

Please do not staple your application materials, use only paper or binder clips.

Send your complete application and all materials to the following address:

848/News Internships
Chicago Public Radio
848 E. Grand Ave
Navy Pier
Chicago, IL 60611

Application Deadlines

Term	Deadline
Winter 2009	December 5 th , 2008
Spring 2009	January 30 th , 2009
Summer 2009	March 27 th , 2009