

CSUS Internship Opportunity
Department of Communication Studies and Journalism
California State University, Sacramento

Name of Organization: Capital Public Radio

Description of Organization:

CapRadio's mission is to provide a trusted and indispensable source of information, music, and entertainment while strengthening the civic and cultural life of the communities we serve. Our vision is to be the most valued, vital and vibrant service. One that inspires people to look at the world from multiple perspectives and capitalizes on emerging opportunities to serve our audience and engage our communities.

Internship type (mark all that apply):

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| PR | Journalism X | Intercultural | Interpersonal |
| Organizational | Media X | Media Production X | |

Semesters/Dates Internships Available: **Fall** **Spring** **Summer** **Other**

Detail of Activities/Duties/Responsibilities/Opportunities:

Capital Public Radio, the NPR affiliate in Sacramento, California, is looking for interns devoted to accuracy and truth telling to join our fact-checking team, PolitiFact California.

You will be an integral part of Capital Public Radio and its first-of-its-kind partnership with the national website PolitiFact.com. You will help the PolitiFact California reporter and editor find provocative claims by public officials to fact-check; dig into government reports; help assess the accuracy of statements and promote our work on social media.

The PolitiFact California intern is an entry level position perfect for someone who has limited journalism experience but a drive to hold public officials accountable.

Daily Duties

Research and obtain transcripts and audio from high-profile speeches or press conferences by leaders at the state Capitol in Sacramento and from members of California's Washington D.C. delegation.

Examine whether specific claims have already been fact checked by PolitiFact, Washington Post, Snopes.com or other fact-checking websites.

Conduct initial research using pertinent government reports and experts to help examine accuracy of claim.

Promote PolitiFact California on social media.

Work with our digital team to obtain high-resolution photos of subject of current fact check

Write and schedule tweets for @CAPolitiFact twitter page to engage our audience, ask for fact check suggestions and highlight current and past fact checks

Other Requirements

Our interns must be students or recent graduates. Internships run approximately a semester or 250 hours, and we require at least 2 days/16 hours per week.

Intern Background Necessary:

Minimum Qualifications

- Professional competency in written and spoken English
- Problem-solving attitude
- Ability to quickly research websites, government reports
- Strong attention to detail and accuracy
- Ability to work efficiently and independently on strict, tight deadline
- Professional phone and interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of AP Style
- Strong social media experience

Intern Background Desirable:

Materials Needed for the Interview:

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates will not be considered without a **cover, letter, resume and supporting materials.**

1. Cover Letter

Your cover letter must include:

The name of your college or school.

The specific internship to which you are applying.

Your graduate or undergraduate academic area(s) of study.

Name and contact information of your academic or internship advisor.

In addition, please include responses to the following questions:

Why are you interested in an internship at Capital Public Radio?

How do your classes and work experience relate to the internship position you are applying for?

What do you hope to gain from your internship?

What can Capital Public Radio hope to gain from you?

How do you plan to use the skills you develop at Capital Public Radio in the future?

2. Please provide a current resume.

3. Supporting Material

Please supply three writing samples, journalistic works preferred.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Send cover letter, resume and any required supporting materials to:

careers@capradio.org

OR

Human Resources

Capital Public Radio

7055 Folsom Blvd

Sacramento, CA 95826

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| Weekly Hours Required: 16 | | | | Total Number of Hours Per Semester 250 | | | |
| Flexible or Fixed Schedule? Flexible | | | | Fixed | | | |
| If Fixed, days and times | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |

Paid Position? Yes **No** **Wages (if applicable):** \$500 stipend **Paid Expenses?** Yes **No**
Number of Interns Requested: 1 **Are applicants accepted on an ongoing basis?** Yes **No**
If no, what is the deadline? TBD

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