

Q. What opportunity opens the door to the world behind the headlines?

A. The AAAS Minority Science Writers Internship.



Deadline for receipt of applications:

1 March 2008

WHAT IS THE MINORITY SCIENCE WRITERS INTERNSHIP?

Science is a global activity, but the demographics of the journalists who cover it don't reflect that diversity. The Minority Science Writers Internship is for students who are interested in journalism as a career and who want to learn about science writing.

The internship will take place in summer 2008 at the Washington, DC headquarters of AAAS's *Science* magazine, the largest interdisciplinary journal in the world. Interns will spend 10 weeks at *Science* under the guidance of award-winning reporters and editors, and have a chance to experience what science writers do for a living. Interns will be expected to contribute to the weekly news section, including bylined articles in the print and electronic news service.

The paid internship includes travel to and from the internship site in Washington, DC. Living accommodations and expenses are the responsibility of the Intern. The internship will run from June to mid-August.



WHAT IS SCIENCE WRITING?

Science and technology increasingly shape our world. New discoveries and inventions have exciting outcomes, but can also lead to unexpected consequences. From epidemics to energy, space exploration to sustainable development, science writers have the opportunity to explain those discoveries, and what they mean, to the public.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE INTERNSHIP?

The internship is open to any minority undergraduate with a serious interest in science writing. Preference will be given to those students pursuing a degree in journalism. You must be enrolled in an academic program at the time you submit your application.

Application Procedure

An application for the Minority Science Writers Internship is enclosed. To receive an additional application form, or for more information, contact:

AAAS Minority Science Writers Internship
1200 New York Avenue, NW, Room 608
Washington, DC 20005

Tel: (202) 326-6441; Fax (202) 371-9849

The application is also available online at:
www.aaas.org/mswi

A complete application packet consists of:

1. The application form.
2. A copy of your resume (including any honors, awards, and relevant activities).
3. Two letters of recommendation (to be mailed directly to the program). At least one of these letters should be from a faculty member.
4. Essay (refer to application).
5. Transcripts of your undergraduate course work (to be mailed directly to the program).
6. Two writing samples, including those that follow a news format.

A telephone interview will be conducted with semi-finalists in March. All candidates will be notified of the outcome by 15 April 2008.

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HEAR FROM YOUR PEERS

Read what past interns said about their experience at *Science* magazine. Learn what it's like to cover the scientific and technological issues that shape our global community. Visit the Web: www.aaas.org/mswi.

2008 Minority Science Writers Internship Application



Details

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ School/Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Education

Undergraduate Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Field _____ Year of Graduation/Degree _____

How did you find out about the internship?

References

List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the two people from whom you have requested letters of recommendation. One of the letters should be from a faculty member who can comment on your academic work.

Faculty Reference:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Office/Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Reference:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Office/Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

The Essay

Please tell us about yourself and why you are interested in this internship.

Your 800-word response should address the following points:

- ▶ Your commitment to journalism;
- ▶ Your thoughts about science and science writing;
- ▶ Your career goals;
- ▶ What you hope to get out of this opportunity.

Include any classes, experiences, affiliations, etc. that you think will make you an ideal candidate for this internship. Please type your essay and include it with your completed application materials.

Completed Applications

All completed application materials should be mailed to:

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1200 New York Avenue, NW, Room 608

Washington, DC 20005

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants will be evaluated by a committee of experts in communicating science to the public. The committee will make recommendations to the AAAS staff, who are responsible for the final selection.



The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) is the world's largest general scientific society, and publisher of the journal, *Science* (www.sciencemag.org). AAAS was founded in 1848, and serves some 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, reaching 10 million individuals. *Science* has the largest paid circulation of any peer-reviewed general science journal in the world, with an estimated total readership of one million. The non-profit AAAS (www.aaas.org) is open to all and fulfills its mission to "advance science and serve society" through initiatives in science policy; international programs; science education; and more. For the latest research news, log onto EurekAlert!, www.eurekalert.org, the premier science-news Web site, a service of AAAS.

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