DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A DOW JONES NEWS FUND INTERN?

This past year, the Dow Jones News Fund provided nearly 100 paid journalism internships at prestigious news outlets across the United States. Four of those “DJNF” interns were Ohio University students — in fact, we have had three or more DJNF “winners” each of the past eight years!

If you want to join the roster of Scripps students who can add “DJNF Intern” to their résumés, you should do the following:

— consult the Dow Jones News Fund website for information about the “College Students” program, application requirements, and potential media partners: [https://dowjonesnewsfund.org/participate/programs/](https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdowjonesnewsfund.org%2Fparticipate%2Fprograms%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cbf946616%40ohio.edu%7C32c1250fb1cc48f89de208d74dc6aee3%7Cf3308007477c4a70888934611817c55a%7C0%7C0%7C637063388040566299&sdata=cFO%2BmOG84k0qu7zWeC8zYvX8ycAl%2BuAL0wtRW3bUj5U%3D&reserved=0).

— Review sessions (with practice tests) will be held 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, on the fifth floor of Schoonover Center (rooms 504, 506, and 510)

— The required test (mandatory for all applicants) will administered Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 5-6 p.m., in RTV 204, with spillover to 7 p.m. for students who apply for two or more internships programs.

Mark your calendars if you are interested, and email Prof. Bill Reader at [reader@ohio.edu](mailto:reader@ohio.edu) to reserve your test(s) for Oct. 30.

To see the current list of DJNF media partners who accept interns, go to [https://dowjonesnewsfund.org/about/media-partners/](https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdowjonesnewsfund.org%2Fabout%2Fmedia-partners%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cbf946616%40ohio.edu%7C32c1250fb1cc48f89de208d74dc6aee3%7Cf3308007477c4a70888934611817c55a%7C0%7C0%7C637063388040576295&sdata=WIHe7luOdLn49ccrCTmGOyMfIHKziVXTpmP66ACn53U%3D&reserved=0).

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Successful applicants get more than a paid internship (at $450 or more per week) at one of more than five dozen well-known media outlets. The internship also includes an intensive pre-internship boot camp, with housing provided and transportation reimbursed — many past DJNF interns say the boot camp is one of the best parts of the program. DJNF and hosting media companies also cover transportation expenses to and from the internship location (e.g., airfare to California or New York City). Those who return to school after their internships also get $1,500 scholarships. Simply put, a DJNF internship is ONE. SWEET. DEAL.

The internships are open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students who are enrolled full-time and have legal status to work in the U.S. (student visa holders are not eligible for the paid internships). First- and second-year students are welcome to attend the review/practice sessions so they can better prepare for the process in the next year or two.

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Of course, the selection process is competitive, so there is a formal application to fill out, and each applicant must complete a proctored proficiency test for each internship program applied for (students may apply for more than one program).

— The “Multiplatform News Editing” program is the modernized version of DJNF’s classic “copy editing” internships. The internships still require copy-editing and headline-writing skills, but now includes emphasis on search-engine optimization, page design, and interactive media packaging. Training is at one of three sites: Temple University in Philadelphia, Penn State University in State College, Pa., University of Texas in Austin, or University of Missouri’s flagship campus in Columbia. Test is given on paper hardcopy.

— The “Business Reporting” program is optimized for journalists who want to focus their work on all aspects of business and economic reporting. Training is at New York University in Manhattan, NYC. Test must be taken by lab computer during the proctored exam period (no personal laptops, no off-campus option).

— The “Data Journalism” program focuses on gathering, analyzing, and presenting data, including using FOIA requests and various apps to “unlock stories.” Training will be conducted by the Investigative Reporters and Editors organization (IRE) at the University of Missouri.Test must be taken by lab computer during the proctored exam period (no personal laptops, no off-campus option).

— The “Digital Media” internships are focused on online news delivery, including podcasting, online video production, interactive web design, and “best practices” for social media. Training will be Arizona State University in Phoenix. Test must be taken by lab computer during the proctored exam period (no personal laptops, no off-campus option).

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More information:

— Get an overview of the DJNF Internship program at: [https://dowjonesnewsfund.org/participate/programs/](https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdowjonesnewsfund.org%2Fparticipate%2Fprograms%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cbf946616%40ohio.edu%7C32c1250fb1cc48f89de208d74dc6aee3%7Cf3308007477c4a70888934611817c55a%7C0%7C0%7C637063388040576295&sdata=ii8GTjloeLa6mtuxH8OIDnQmfWNbiAvXRMll9jum%2FnI%3D&reserved=0)

— Read the FAQ if you have any additional questions (use link above)

— For information about the Ohio University campus activities elated to DJNF, email Prof. Bill Reader at [reader@ohio.edu](mailto:reader@ohio.edu).