



Internship Opening: Political Journalist Fall 2012

Interested in getting first-hand journalism experience covering Pennsylvania politics?

[PoliticsPA](#), Pennsylvania's longest-running political news website, is seeking talented individuals to contribute to our news coverage throughout the Commonwealth.

This fall will be a busy one in Pa. Politics: presidential candidates are sure to visit; both parties are beginning to wrangle with newly redistricted congressional maps; and a number of races are heating up on the state level as well.

Interns will have the chance to gain journalism experience and a stronger understanding of Pennsylvania politics. Additionally, interns will have the opportunity to build a portfolio with published political writing.

Internship openings are available for the Fall 2012 semester. The position is flexible and applicants are welcome from all parts of PA, from Philadelphia, to Erie, to Coudersport.

Intern duties include:

- Writing news stories.
- Monitoring press releases, regional news outlets, and blogs for relevant source material.
- Covering political and government events.
- Conducting other research, including taking transcripts.

Requirements:

- Applicants must have strong writing skills.
- Applicants must have working knowledge of Pennsylvania politics.
- Applicants must possess strong research skills.
- A minimum commitment of 15 hours per week with specific times based on news events.

The strongest applicants will have a background in politics or journalism. Positions are unpaid.

Please send a resume, cover letter and a brief (1-2 page) writing sample to keegan@politicspa.com. Email Keegan Gibson keegan@politicspa.com with any questions.

Testimonials

Ben G, Temple University, Philadelphia:

The experience of writing for PoliticsPA has certainly helped prepare me for the connections-based world of being a reporter. I learned how to establish a working relationship with the campaigns I was covering and that will certainly help me no matter what I end up doing professionally.

Laura B, University of Scranton, Scranton:

“I think it was a unique opportunity - not only was it a chance to combine my journalism/political science studies, but it was great to actually contribute to the bigger picture. At PoliticsPA, the intern’s role is vital to the success of the site, and it’s not the typical do-busy-work internship.”

Brittany F, Lehigh University, Bethlehem:

“I wanted to build a portfolio of published work with high readership and commentary, which I’ve already done. I also wanted to sharpen my news writing skills and I think I’ve done that, too.”

Jared E, Juniata College, Huntingdon:

“My writing has gotten much better and I have a broader sense of the national political discourse - as well as a more comprehensive understanding of state politics.”

Natalka K, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh:

“I enjoy being kept on my toes – PoliticsPA keeps its interns on the frontlines of new political developments in Pa. I feel a sense of pride when I tell people I am an intern at PoliticsPA.”

Elyse C, St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia:

“I did the majority of the work for this internship online, but I did have the opportunity to cover events in person. It wasn’t a typical internship experience where I was required to spend a set amount of time in an office, but I was able to do much of the work on my own time.”

Judith A, York College of Pennsylvania, York:

“A good internship if you have not had a lot of experience or you want to get started writing for print media. You don’t need a lot of experience and are given opportunities to grow so that when you leave you are prepared.”