Reporting and Communications Internship

Description:

The Reporting and Communications internship is a writing-intensive work experience in the Press and Communication Office of the Embassy of France in the United States, located in Washington, D.C.

The Press and Communication Office publishes News From France, a monthly newsletter of news and trends concerning French-American relations. The publication is distributed to over 11,000 policy-makers, journalists, researchers, business executives, diplomats, and private citizens. Be sure to read News From France before applying (viewable here). Applicants should have some journalistic writing background and a basic working knowledge of the style guide of the Associated Press, or “AP style.” Interns will also contribute to photo research for News From France.

French Dispatch, an email update of French news, is produced weekly. The interns may work with the staff to produce stories for this publication and other related content.

The embassy's Twitter and Facebook accounts are also managed by the Press and Communication Office. Interns will research and develop content to be communicated on these accounts on a daily basis. Follow @franceintheus and the embassy's official Facebook page for more information on our social media activity.

The Press and Communication Office handles information requests via the embassy's general email account, info@ambafrance-us.org, and postal mail.

Most of our interns come from the U.S. or France with a background in French, journalism, public relations, communications, political science, or foreign affairs.

Please note that the Press and Communication Office can only accept candidates who are enrolled in a university at the time of their internships (applications from candidates who have already graduated cannot be considered).
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Qualifications:

Conversational French required. Ability to write simple texts and understand complex news stories in French. Ability to research, report and write professional articles in English for the embassy’s newsletter. Excellent general knowledge of the U.S., its policies, and its political system. Excellent general knowledge of France, its history and its current events. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Please send the following:
1. Cover letter (in French)
2. Resume/Curriculum Vitae (in English)
3. Two journalistic articles of approximately 400 words, each about contemporary events or issues in France (in English).

We will not review applications that are incomplete or do not adhere to the requirements above. Please specify in your application the semester during which you wish to intern.

Duration: 4-6 months (one university semester).
Start Date: Rolling (approximate semester dates: August - December (Fall), December - May (Winter/Spring), May - August (Summer)).

When to Apply: Rolling deadlines. If you have not received a response from your original application, please follow up with us as appropriate.

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Employment Type(s): Credit-Worthy Internship
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