

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RADIO FELLOWSHIP

The California Public Radio Fellowship offers the opportunity to receive hands-on experience, working in all aspects of a radio station's news operation. The Fellow will explore and report on issues as varied as immigration, the environment, and health care, and, importantly, put these issues into context for local communities in California's heartland. The Fellow will work in close collaboration with a local station and with a veteran public radio statewide editor.

Under careful editing and guidance, the Fellow will develop the skills to produce news spots and newscasts, as well as highly produced news features in the unmistakable public radio style. The Fellow will have the best environment possible for sharpening his or her skills and an invaluable introduction to the public radio family, which will lay the groundwork for longer-term career ambitions.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RADIO FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS QUALITIES NEEDED FOR SUCCESS

Target applicants must:

- have a demonstrated commitment to radio and public-interest reporting
- have strong writing skills and the ability to successfully voice a script
- be able to meet deadlines
- have a strong background in news
- be capable of relocating anywhere in California for two years
- have some reporting experience, either professionally or in school
- be graduates of the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism or the USC Annenberg Graduate School of Journalism

Successful applicants would be expected to:

- have experience in reporting both breaking and feature radio news and the ability to file a complete report on deadline for daily newscasts
- be self-directed
- take direction well, want to master and expand the craft of radio reporting and look forward to the editing process
- want to pursue multi-media and multi-platform outlets for their stories
- display sensitivity to the diversity found in California

How to apply for a California Public Radio Fellowship

1. Fill out the application.
2. Write a 2-3 page double-spaced statement that addresses the following points:
 - why you are interested in the fellowship
 - how you will contribute to the public radio station to which you are assigned
 - how you see public radio serving local community needs
3. Supply a copy of your resume. Include your educational, work, internship and volunteer history, any academic or professional awards, and any special skills, such as computer and technical skills.
4. Supply three samples of your radio news work:
 - ◆ The three samples should demonstrate the breadth of your work; either breaking news, feature reporting or documentary
 - ◆ The samples can either be of professional work or stories produced as part of your coursework
 - ◆ Include a log of the samples with a description of the circumstances under which you produced the work
5. Supply three letters of recommendation:
 - ◆ The letters can be from academic or professional sources, but ideally a mix of the two
 - ◆ The recommendation letters should address the applicant's writing skills, news judgment, ability to work independently and take direction, organizational skills and adaptability. *Make sure to contact your references early to ensure your recommendations are written in enough time to meet the deadline.*
 - ◆ Collect the three recommendations in sealed envelopes with your name on the outside. Include the three envelopes in your application packet.
6. Send all of the above materials to:

Deadline:

Applications must be postmarked by _____

**California Hub Fellowship Application
Preliminary Draft**

Personal Information

Name _____

Current Address _____

Permanent Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell phone: _____

Email Address _____

Education

High School (name/city/state) _____

Year Graduated _____

Undergraduate College/University _____

Major _____ Degree _____

Year graduated _____

Graduate University _____

Major _____ Degree _____

Year graduated _____

Internships:

Language Proficiency:
(read/speak/write)

Special Areas of Interest:
(politics/environment/technology, etc)

Online/Website Experience

Career Goals