Political Science Internship

Internship Benefits
intellectual development ★ career sampling ★ improved employment prospects
enhanced skills ★ more competitive for graduate school ★ a great experience!

Political Journalism Internship
Deseret News—Opinion Page

Office Description
The Deseret News (www.deseretnews.com) offers news, information, commentary and analysis from
an award-winning and experienced team of reporters, editors, columnists, and bloggers. Its mission is
to be a leading news brand for faith and family oriented audiences. The Opinion Page Intern will contrib-
ute to producing the daily Deseret News Opinion Section, which expresses the paper's opinion and
views of its readers on a wide range of political topics. It includes content house editorials, letters to
the editors, reader submitted op-eds (called My Views) and syndicated op-eds.

Internship Duties
You will report to the Associate Editorial Page Editor and focus on the following functions:
1. Opinion page production — Help with the daily production of the Deseret News opinion section.
   This includes article selection, processing, editing, writing headlines and trimming articles to fit the
   available space on the opinion page. The opinion team often meets with influential community lead-
ers and groups, and you will have the opportunity to attend some of these editorial board meetings.
2. Letters to the Editor — Help select, process, and edit letters to the editor.
3. Deseret News e-book production — A yearly publication containing 10 of our best stories in
each of our six areas of editorial emphasis. You will help aggregate the content, edit each edition,
and produce the e-books from start to finish.
4. Additional projects — As assigned by various editors.

Qualifications
• Copyediting: The Deseret News follows AP style guidelines. Proficient editing skills are essential.
• Project management: Ability to efficiently and meet deadlines on multiple projects.
• Journalism skills: Ability to select articles and letters that reflect the Deseret News voice, write
   headlines for these articles and occasionally trim them to fit space requirements.
• Knowledge of political topics: Familiarity with local, national, and world general political topics.
• Ability to learn new software systems: Feel comfortable learning and functioning in new software.
• Ability to work as part of a team

Timeline: 20 hours per week

Application Procedure
Contact Matt Hartvigsen, mhartvigsen@ deseretnews.com

Stipend: $8.00-10.00/hr., depending on experience
UTA bus pass or parking pass

May be available for credit
Contact Scott Dunaway
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