



**Community
Journalism**

Journalist Trainer Job Posting

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HumanitiesDC's Community Journalism Program is a free 14-week training program designed to equip Washington, D.C. residents with the knowledge, skills, and mentorship to tell the stories that matter most to them and their communities. The program includes seven in-person workshops covering basic print journalism skills and best practices and six small group training sessions led by journalist trainers.

Journalist Trainer Position

HumanitiesDC is seeking journalists to support the Community Journalism Program as journalist trainers. Journalist trainers will provide guidance and mentorship to program participants with little to no journalism experience as they develop print journalism skills and report on a D.C.-based news story.

This position requires a collaborative attitude, a passion for community-centered news, and a mastery of basic journalism skills. The ideal candidate is a journalist with D.C. reporting experience and editing chops, who is comfortable teaching and mentoring others. A freelancer, contractor, or full-time journalist with a flexible schedule is preferred.

The first bi-weekly workshop is on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6 p.m. Journalist trainers will lead small group sessions on alternate Mondays from Monday, February 17 - Monday, May 12, 2025. The program will culminate in a final event the week of May 19, 2025.

Responsibilities

- Lead a group of 4-5 program participants through 6 in-person or virtual training sessions, facilitating activities that build on reporting skills taught during workshops and providing guidance as participants develop a story idea, conduct research, interview sources, outline articles, and write and edit local news stories.
- Review workshop materials and supplemental information to prepare for training sessions.

- Alongside the lead instructor and two other journalist trainers, co-teach the first workshop that will offer an introduction to community journalism.
- Alongside the lead instructor, co-teach a second workshop focusing on a specific skill or principle such as media ethics, researching, interviewing, outlining stories, editing, etc.
- Expose participants to events, programs, and resources and connect them with other journalists, community members, and sources who may be helpful for their reporting.
- Conduct at least two rounds of edits for each participants' story, which may require individual meetings with participants.
- Help participants troubleshoot issues that may arise during the reporting process.
- Provide bi-weekly updates to program coordinators on the status of participant stories and outcomes from training sessions.

To apply for this position, please [complete this application](#) by Monday January 6, 2025. We will review and respond to applications on a rolling basis.

Note: Candidates selected for interviews should be able to explain their reporting process for two original stories and their process for editing at least one published story completed by another writer.

Compensation

This is a part-time contractor position and does not qualify for benefits. Total payment for this 14-week position is \$2,800.