



Missouri School of Journalism Summer Fellowship Summer 2024



May 29th - July 26, 2024

Application Deadline: March 15, 2024

Interns are provided:

- \$4,500 stipend
- Free Room & Board in an MU Residence Hall
- Travel support to/from Columbia, if needed
- One hour of Research Credit

Research/Professional Areas include (but are not limited to):

Business Journalism | Data Journalism | Health Communication | Journalism and Strategic Communication Outreach
| Magazine Design | Media History | Media Law, Ethics & Policy | Media Sociology |
Photojournalism and Documentary Journalism | Science Communication | Strategic Communication |
Strategic Communication: Advertising and Public Relations | Television and Digital News Reporting |

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General Information: The Office of Undergraduate Research at the University of Missouri coordinates a number of summer research programs for undergraduates enrolled at other institutions. All programs run from May 29th - July 26th with travel days on Tuesday, May 28th & Saturday, July 27th (9 weeks). Students will live in on-campus air-conditioned housing (double rooms) and have access to the many dining options on and near the campus. Many programs provide one credit hour of research, travel to & from Columbia, and a stipend. The Missouri School of Journalism Summer Fellowship program provides a \$4,500 stipend.

The Missouri School of Journalism Summer Fellowship Program is designed to give undergraduate students the opportunity to experience graduate education at one of the top journalism and strategic communication programs in the world. Students selected for this program will live on campus in Columbia and work with a faculty mentor for 9 weeks. This is a full-time program and students may NOT enroll in other coursework or hold part-time jobs. Students are expected to be in Columbia for the entire 9 weeks (no vacations); although, no activities are planned on weekends. Students will participate in all aspects of the larger summer program at Mizzou including orientation, educational programming, social events, and the Forum (poster session) at the end of the summer on Friday, July 26, 2024.

Placement with Mentors: Please be as specific as possible in your statement of research/professional interests on your application. It will be most helpful to know what sub-specialties and types of questions you are interested in, rather than generalities. For example, "news reporting" is too general. "Sports reporting" is better and "Working behind the scenes to promote a sports team" is even more helpful.

Eligibility: Applicants are expected to have completed at least one year of full-time college enrollment prior to June 2024 and be currently enrolled at a non-R1 college or university. Students graduating prior to December 2024 are not eligible. Students must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. Applicants must also have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

About Summer Research at Mizzou: Each year approximately 100 undergraduates conduct research at MU and participate in educational programming activities, creating a vibrant community of undergraduate scholars. Students will work on their own projects under the guidance of an MU faculty mentor and present their results at a poster Forum at the end of the summer program.

Educational Programming: In addition to their research/professional work, students participate in a series of evening seminars and small group sessions designed to provide them with information about research, career preparation and options, and ethics. Weekly small group seminars provide opportunities for students to focus on a topic and engage in discussion with peers and faculty members. These specialty discussions are open to all students, regardless of program affiliation. Social activities also provide opportunities for participants to get to know each other and other members of the MU science community. A mandatory orientation session that includes team-building activities is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 29th and Thursday, May 30th.**

The Campus and Community: MU, the flagship campus of the University of Missouri system, is home to more than 33,000 students and 2,100 faculty. Columbia, midway between St. Louis and Kansas City, is a vibrant community with a population of more than 120,000. Columbia offers most of the benefits of large cities (restaurants, art, theater, music, and a variety of churches) and yet maintains the atmosphere and convenience of a small, diverse college town. There are numerous trails for walking, running, and biking, and a variety of city and state parks nearby.

Application Information: The priority deadline for applying to this program is **Friday, March 15, 2024**. Students must complete the attached application form and provide an unofficial transcript (including Fall 2023 grades); two letters of recommendation; a personal statement including career plans, prior research/professional experience (if any); a statement of research/professional interests; and a resume. Completed application packets should be sent to: **The Journalism Graduate Studies Office, 181 Gannett Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211 or completed electronically and emailed to ycwynn@missouri.edu. Questions can be directed to Earnest Perry, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies (perryel@missouri.edu, 573-882-4852).**

Applications received after Friday, March 15th will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

Important Dates

Friday, March 15: Priority Application Deadline
Friday, April 5: Approximate Date of Notification
Friday, April 19: Deadline for Students to Accept
Tuesday, May 28: Travel Day
Wednesday, May 29: First Day of Orientation
Thursday, May 30: 2nd Day of Orientation
Friday, July 26: Summer Forum/Wrap-Up Day
Saturday, July 27: Travel Day

Please visit the department websites or www.journalism.missouri.edu for comprehensive lists of faculty members and their research/professional areas before completing your application form.