

Reporting Internship with *The Durango Herald* – Fall 2018

[The Durango Herald](#) is seeking a reporter to cover the Colorado delegation on Capitol Hill. In addition to covering Sen. Cory Gardner, Sen. Michael Bennett and Rep. Scott Tipton, you may cover congressional committee and subcommittee hearings involving topics and issues important to Southwest Colorado residents. When appropriate, you will cover actions by various government departments, such as Interior.

You will work closely with Herald editors and the Herald's Denver Bureau Chief developing story ideas and projects. You will work closely with the press offices to stay abreast of developments. You will have the opportunity to cover national issues for a local and regional perspective, such as presidential addresses and gun-control legislation. You will be involved in political campaign coverage when necessary. You frequently will file stories on deadline. Your stories will appear in the print and online issues of *The Durango Herald* and *Cortez Journal*.

Pre-requisites:

- A minimum OVERALL GPA of 3.5 and no academic violations
- Reporting and social media proficiency
- Video and audio recording and editing skills a plus
- Must be a junior, senior or graduate student with a major or minor in SOC

Dates & Hours:

- September - December
- 20 hours per week; schedule to be worked out with Durango Herald supervisor.
- **SITE VISIT: At the beginning of each internship period, the student travels to Durango, CO, at company expense to meet editors and the staff and for a tour of the area.**

Compensation: The Herald pays Dean's Interns a \$1,600 stipend; paid in four equal installments plus reimbursement for documented story-related expenses. You will be provided with a Herald press ID and credentials issued by the Senate Press Gallery.

Location: For this Washington Correspondent/Capitol Hill internship, the work is done remotely -- you will be on-site filing stories back to the newsroom.

**The Durango Herald hires interns throughout the year. If you are also interested in Spring 2019, you can also let Professor Perri know you'll be applying at a later date.*

How to Apply:

Send an email with the following material as attachments to deansinternships@american.edu:

- 1) This completed typed application -- saved as a PDF titled as LastName-Durango.pdf
- 2) Your resume saved as LastName-Resume-Durango.doc
- 3) One document containing three work samples or three links to published material; or a link to your website. Saved as LastName-WorkSample-Durango.doc

Application Deadline — 11:00 pm Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Based on the strength of your application and a faculty review of applicants, candidates who most strongly match the position's criteria will be sent on to *The Durango Herald* hiring supervisor to make the final decision. You may be contacted directly by *The Durango Herald* at any time following the application.

SOC REQUIREMENTS for all Dean's Interns:

- Provide a headshot photo to be featured on SOC's [website](#) and flatscreens
- Submit a 250 word blog post with on-the-job action photos/selfies for the DI [Blog](#)
- Post at least once to social media about their experience and provide the link
- Students who successfully complete their Dean's Internship will be presented with the distinguished DI medallion to wear during Commencement.

Credit Information: If you would like academic credit for this Dean's Internship, contact your academic advisor directly to determine eligibility. If eligible, you must complete all registration and release forms, and enroll for internship supervision **prior** to the 'Add' course deadline.

Questions? Professor Lynne Perri created this internship and oversees it at SOC. If you have questions about the internship, please send her a note at perri@american.edu. If you have application questions, contact Lydia Schindler, SOC Dean's Intern Coordinator, lydias@american.edu 202-885-2220.

The Durango Herald Dean's Internship Application – Fall 2018

Name: _____

Are you a graduate or undergraduate student? _____

Expected graduation month and year: _____

Major: _____ GPA: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website / Online portfolio: _____

Can you commit to 20 hours per week? _____

Days and times you are available to commit, Mon. – Fri. between the hours of 9am - 6pm
(Editors will work with you to accommodate your class schedule)

Please answer the following questions:

1. Please describe your skills and experiences that distinguish you for this position.

2. This position requires the intern to report stories for multiple platforms. Please tell us about your experience and strengths in this area.

3. What should this employer know about you and your work habits?

4. What are your career aspirations? How will this internship help you achieve these?

5. Provide the names of three SOC professors, along with their email addresses, who best know your work.