

Dean's Content & News Internship with WAMU 88.5 – Fall 2018

WAMU has a reputation of providing an environment where creativity is encouraged and the opportunity to learn and develop various skills is provided. By working alongside the professional staff of WAMU, you will contribute to the day-to-day operations of the station. You will also be provided access to training opportunities within the station, by staff from our licensee American University, and from professionals around the D.C. metro area including the talented staff at NPR. Internships are available with WAMU 88.5 News, *1A* and *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*.

We're looking for individuals who have a keen interest in the future of public radio, who are curious and creative, have a desire to learn, are skilled writers and researchers, like to be challenged, and who believe in inclusivity and diversity. Content and news interns will work with one of our talk shows

Key Responsibilities:

- Produce content for on-air and online
- Pitch guest and story ideas
- Conduct research and fact checking
- Attend daily editorial meeting
- Edit interviews

Pre-requisites:

- A minimum OVERALL GPA of 3.5 and no academic violations
- Knowledge of WAMU and NPR programming
- Some reporting and broadcast experience
- Digital media skills
- Must be a junior, senior or graduate student with a major or minor in SOC

Dates & Hours

- September - December
- 20 hours per week

Compensation: Position pays \$13.25 per hour.

Location: Internships are located at WAMU 88.5 – 4401 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington DC 20008 – just two blocks north of the Van Ness metro station.

NOTE: In addition to this digital Dean's Internship, we encourage you to apply online through WAMU's [website](#) for other internships at WAMU. If you are hired by WAMU for one of those positions, let us know and we will invite you to join the Dean's Intern program as well since you will be working with one of AUSOC's premiere partners.

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-WAMU.pdf
- 2) Your resume saved as LastName-Resume-WAMU.doc
- 3) One document containing three work samples or three links to published material; or a link to your website. Saved as LastName-WorkSample-WAMU.doc

NOTE: If you are selected for a Dean's Internship interview with WAMU, you may be asked to complete an additional online application through their website.

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 WAMU hiring supervisor to make the final decision. You may be contacted directly by WAMU 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? Contact Lydia Schindler, Dean's Intern Coordinator, lydias@american.edu; 202-885-2220. Or drop by McKinley #215 and introduce yourself.

WAMU Dean's Intern Application – Fall 2018

Name: _____

Undergraduate: _____ Graduate: _____

Major and Graduation Month & Year: _____ GPA: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website, blog, online portfolio: _____

Which positions are of most interest: 1A: _____; The Kojo Nnamdi Show: _____

WAMU 88.5 News: _____

How many hours per week can you commit to working at WAMU? _____

Days and times you are available to commit, Mon. – Fri. between the hours of 9am - 6pm:

Please answer the following questions:

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

2. What should we know about you and your work habits?

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

4. Please include the names of three SOC professors, along with their email addresses, who best know your work.