



ABOUT US

Located in the heart of Downtown Columbus, The Dispatch has been in operation for 147 years. The work done here is recognized year after year with local, state and national awards, and we are consistently honored as both the best newspaper and best website among large papers in Ohio.

We are focused on providing in-depth, enterprise stories while breaking important news for our readers in print and online.

Our interns are expected to perform, without guidance, like any other reporter, web producer or photographer. They produce content of substance, and have the opportunity to produce high-level, quality journalism. Each intern is assigned a professional mentor to help guide them through the summer, and the entire class of summer interns meets weekly to learn from other award-winning professionals on staff.

Summer internship opportunities are available on our Metro, Public Affairs and Copy desks, and in the Features, Business and web/digital news departments. Fall internships are also available in Sports and Photography but that application process is handled separately.

These paid internships run 12 weeks with flexible start dates.

There is no housing allowance but, being a college town, subleases in the summer are inexpensive and plentiful.



WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IN AN INTERN

College students with previous experience, either at prior internships or through substantial reporting at their campus newspaper.

We seek students with fresh ideas for today's world of 24-hour journalism.

Candidates should have strong reporting and writing skills, a motivation to learn, a desire to try new things, and enthusiasm to be the best intern here. Interns should come with a notebook full of story ideas and suggestions for ways to help us enhance our online and social media presence through your work.



ABOUT THE CITY

- If you like sports, \$5 tickets to the Columbus Clippers are easy to find over the summer, and the Ohio State Buckeyes always have something to attend.
- For the artist in you, we have Gallery Hop every month in the Short North, a neighborhood full of art galleries to peruse with great restaurants and shops, as well, not to mention the Columbus Museum of Art and a four-day Downtown art festival.
- If you want to get outdoors, there are miles of bike trails and walking paths, metro parks and kayaking on the Scioto River.
- If you fancy yourself a foodie, Columbus has been recognized for its restaurant scene by Forbes Travel Guide, USA Today and — because it became the thing for publications to do — just about everyone now.
- We also have the world-renowned Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, COSI, a host of festivals, fairs and concerts— big and small.

WHAT RECENT DISPATCH INTERNS ARE SAYING

"Working at The Columbus Dispatch was an enormous blessing and I couldn't have asked for a better experience. The entire job — which pays well and is at the state's best newspaper — is focused on making sure you're learning. The staff encourages you and teaches you every step of the way. It's a perfect position for self-starters and those who are equipped for a daily but have room to grow."

— **Andrew Atkins, '18 summer intern, '18 Kent State University graduate**



"My internship at the Dispatch gave me a chance to try out almost every beat at the paper. I covered crime, court cases and city council as well as health, medicine and religion. Some days I wrote breaking news, other days I wrote feature stories.

"The versatility and variety of the internship helped me identify my strengths and weaknesses in news writing. It also forced me to leave my comfort zone, which I think only made me a better journalist.

"After a summer at the Dispatch, I left with sharper reporting and writing skills and an excellent sense of what it's like to work for a daily newspaper."

— **Emily Tate, '16 summer intern, '16 Miami University graduate**

ABOUT THE OHIO UNIVERSITY SCRIPPS SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM STATEHOUSE BUREAU PROGRAM

The Statehouse Bureau fellowship is a partnership between Ohio University and The Dispatch and other news organizations with offices in Columbus.

Successful candidates cover politics and government while working in a Columbus newsroom during a semester during the school year.

This application process is separate but you can get details at scrippsjschool.com/bureau.

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Summer Internship Class of 2018

"My internships with The Dispatch sharpened my reporting and improved my writing. I was encouraged to pitch my own ideas and I was able to help report on one of the biggest stories of the summer.

"The attention paid to my writing during the editing process made me a better storyteller and the weekly intern lunches helped diversify my skills.

"The real-world experience and confidence I gained through my internships propelled my journalism career."

— **Megan Henry, '17 summer and fall intern, '18 Ohio University graduate**

"My time at The Columbus Dispatch this summer was incredible. I enjoyed every second of stepping into this newsroom and interacting with talented and passionate journalists.

"This internship helped redefine why my first love was writing growing up and the reason I chose to do journalism.

"I loved being treated more as a reporter than just an intern. It helped me feel independent and confident."

— **Tanisha Thomas, '18 summer intern, current Kent State University junior**



HOW TO APPLY

Have questions? You can reach internship coordinator/ Metro Desk reporter Holly Zachariah at hzachariah@dispatch.com or 614-374-9582.

To apply, send her a resume, cover letter and three writing samples in a single PDF. Please be sure to include a department preference (Features, Metro desk, etc.) if you have one.

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