

Brigham and Women's Hospital Science Writing Intern

Looking to gain writing experience and clips? Do you have a background in and passion for science? Are you interested in working behind the scenes with an award-winning communication team to engage the Brigham and Women's Hospital community and beyond through purposeful and passionate storytelling?

The Brigham's Office of Strategic Communication is looking for a science writing intern to join the team for the summer or for the fall or spring semester. Through this internship, the intern will work directly with and support the senior science communication specialist (or a designated team member) to find, assess and write stories about cutting-edge Brigham research and innovation. The successful candidate will support both the media relations and internal communication teams in a wide variety of activities. Writing assignments will include articles to appear in Brigham communication publications (including [Brigham Clinical & Research News](#)) and will cover topics in the basic, translational and clinical sciences. The science writing intern will also complete [research briefs](#) and "What's New in Research" summaries on newly published research papers on a range of scientific and medical subjects. There may also be opportunities to share stories through video, audio and/or social media. When completing assignments, the science writing intern will be responsible for conducting appropriate background research on the topic, interviewing Brigham and Women's Hospital's researchers and clinicians and working with the senior science communication specialist and researchers/clinicians to ensure accuracy of the story.

Previous science writing interns have gone on to secure jobs in science writing and medical writing and have been admitted to science journalism graduate school programs.

Qualifications and requirements:

- Pursuing a bachelors or masters degree with coursework in health, science writing or science (preferably in the biological sciences) with an interest in writing and/or journalism
- Must possess excellent writing and organizational skills
- Must demonstrate professionalism and willingness to learn
- Familiarity with AP style and/or journalistic writing a plus
- Professional experience and knowledge of social media a plus
- Must submit lay-friendly science writing sample(s)
- 2-3 days per week for 10 or more weeks

To apply, please send your cover letter, resume, writing samples and three professional references (names and contact information only; no letters of recommendation) to hbridger@bwh.harvard.edu.

Office for Sponsored Staff and Volunteer Services

Student Intern Curriculum

Department Name: Office of Strategic Communication

Location: 15 Francis St, Boston, MA

Contact person: Haley Bridger

Training Goals

Please detail the specific skills or knowledge base to be developed as a part of this internship. What should the student intern have learned at the conclusion of this experience? Please be as specific as possible:

The Science Writing Intern will gain experience in writing lay-friendly science articles and research briefs as well as a working knowledge of a communication office at an academic, medical setting. There will be opportunities to hone interviewing, writing and research skills.

Daily Activity

Please detail the specific activities the student intern will be involved in on a daily basis to ensure the training goals are met:

The Science Writing Intern will research, conduct interviews and write stories for internal publications, including *Brigham Clinical & Research News*. They will review journal manuscripts and write research briefs; interview clinicians, researchers and trainees about their work and experiences for profiles; solicit and collect responses for standard CRN features (“Brigham Bookshelf,” “Look Who’s Talking,” “Transitions,” etc.); and participate in weekly team meetings to share ideas and receive assignments. There may also be opportunities for the intern to share stories through video, audio and/or social media and learn about media visits or press events.

Daily schedule (hours worked)?

2-3 days per week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET for a total of 10-20 hours per week.

Training Supervision

Please provide details on who will provide appropriate training and supervision in support of each of the training goals/activities):

Haley Bridger will provide supervision on all science writing tasks.

Weekly meetings

The department supervisor should meet at least once a week with the student intern to solicit feedback, discuss training progress and provide mentoring.

Weekly meeting time:

To be scheduled based on availability.

Department/Staff meetings

Student interns should participate in regular department meetings to gain a better understanding of the overall department activity and meet others working in department. Department meeting time:

The intern will join in on internal communication team and/or media relations team meetings throughout the week.