

# Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) Gary Eichten News Fellowships

Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) is pleased to offer two student fellowships for the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University at \$5,000 each for full-time summer internships in the MPR newsroom. Selected Fellows will work full-time at MPR beginning **June 1 and continuing through August 7, 2015.**

Fellows will complete an internship at MPR, located in downtown St. Paul, learning the basics of news writing, reporting and production with a goal to write and produce material for MPR newscasts.

## **Position Responsibility:**

- Learn writing, reporting and production techniques for radio.
- Make calls to news sources.
- Edit tape.
- Assist with production.

Students may elect to earn credits for the experience; those choosing to do so will work with the Assistant Director of Experiential Learning & Community Engagement on an individual basis to set up payment and assessment for credits earned. Prior to their commencement as Fellows, students selected must participate in a training seminar in May 2015. Finally, following their summer-long internship, Fellows will submit an audio-visual presentation highlighting their summer experience, as well as offer a poster presentation of learning to the community at CSB/SJU's Scholarship & Creativity Day the following April.

## **Required Education and Experience:**

- Currently enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at the College of St. Benedict or St. John's University with **Sophomore or Junior standing as of Fall 2014.**
- Coursework must have an emphasis in writing

## **Required Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities:**

- Awareness of current events, news topics and issues is essential.
- Ability to follow directions and work under deadlines.
- Self-motivated, resourceful, curious, and detail-oriented.

## **Preferred Skills and Experience:**

- Strong writing skills preferred with previous media work (writing and/or photography) desirable.
- Experience in creating multi-media content and/or production experience.
  - Familiarity with basic production skills (audio or video editing) desirable, and/or some experience with online production and editing.
  - Familiarity with the use of social media platforms, computer graphics and/or data visualization helpful.

**HISTORY MAJORS HAVE GREAT WRITING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO OFFER MPR.**

**HISTORY MAJORS ALSO UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO PUT NEWS STORIES INTO CONTEXT!**

