



## **Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) Gary Eichten News Internships**

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Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) is pleased to offer **one student internship** exclusively for the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University. The selected **CSB/SJU student intern will earn \$7,200 for a full-time summer internship**, which at this time, is **slated for a fully in-person experience in the MPR newsroom (located in downtown St. Paul). Proof of full vaccination is required and must be completed at least two weeks before orientation.** The Eichten Intern will learn the basics of news writing, reporting, and production with a goal to write and produce material for MPR newscasts. This prestigious internship opportunity was created in honor of Gary Eichten, a 1969 St. John's University graduate, who wore many hats during his award-winning, 40-plus year career at Minnesota Public Radio.

The selected intern will begin full-time work on **June 6 and continue through August 26, 2022.** The intern may elect to earn credit for the experience; those choosing to do so will work with the [Senior Associate Director of XPD - Experience and Professional Development](#) on an individual basis to set up payment and assessment for credits earned. Finally, following their summer-long experience, interns will submit an audio-visual presentation highlighting their summer internship.

Please note, the intern will not be allowed to have any other paid employment during the twelve-week internship. Internship stipends will be paid directly to the student by MPR, along with reimbursement for parking or bus costs incurred.

### **Position Responsibility:**

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

### **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, Junior, or Senior standing as of Fall 2021.**

- Coursework must have an emphasis in writing, communications, English or a related field

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

- Awareness of current events, news topics and issues are 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 high school or college newspaper experience or 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.

Please feel free to contact [Laura Hammond, Senior Associate Director of XPD](#) with any questions or schedule an appointment to meet with her via Handshake. **The application deadline for the MPR/Gary Eichten Internship is Sunday, February 13, 2022 by 11:59pm.** The selection process will begin that week with selection committee review and anticipated decisions/notification of Internship awarding by **April 1**.

Those interested in applying should submit the following items [HERE](#):

1) **One-page cover letter.** This should include the following content:

- a. Why are you interested in the position and how will it parallel personal interests and current educational pursuits?
- b. What experiences do you hope to gain from the Internship?
- c. Discuss an MPR news story that particularly resonated with you, and why.
- d. Do you have the required and/or preferred skills and experience listed above? If so, be sure to include this on your resume and highlight pertinent skill sets in your cover letter. If not, please explain how you would go about acquiring those skills.

2) **Supplemental question** (will be answered as part of the online application). Describe an example of something in your background that gives you a unique life perspective. *Please note, MPR is committed to being the leader in creating trusted and meaningful listening experiences with and for curious people. We seek to create a more ambitious, diverse and inclusive culture focused on growth and journalism that better serve our audiences.*

3) **Résumé:** include relevant paid and unpaid work/volunteer experiences, relevant course or other training, conferences or workshops attended, honors and awards, public talks or media involvement, and other skills such as languages or computer skills;

4) **References:** names can be indicated via your online application. References should include full contact information for two (2) people who are able to give a holistic view on your academics, non-academics, skills, etc. Please send references the required link for them to complete [your online reference](#).

5) **Two Writing Samples:** submit your strongest writing samples regardless of in-class or outside of class creation. Samples could include news writing and reporting, creative essays or other original, non-academic work to include nonfiction writing that demonstrates focus and support for an idea. Research papers are discouraged. The strongest applications will include newspaper articles or non-fiction writing that demonstrates an applicant's ability to review a set of facts, find the most important, and then write a clear, concise account. **Any/all samples should be 1,500 words (at most).**

6) **Supplemental Materials:** Podcasts or audio/visual materials cannot be substituted for writing samples but could be submitted as supplemental materials to showcase related reporting skills. Any supplemental materials should tie to journalism skills or news/media experience in the non-fiction genre. If applicants don't submit supplemental materials, this will negatively impact your score/eligibility during the selection process.

*\*\*For helpful tips on creating application materials, please visit the XPD - Experience and Professional Development website: <http://www.csbsju.edu/xpd/career/students/howto>*