

Indigenous Reporters Program Community Journalism Trainer Job Posting

Positions: 1

Location: A First Nations reserve in Northwestern Ontario (community TBD after candidate is selected)

Application Deadline: open until filled, please apply as soon as possible

Start Date: Immediate

End Date: December 2018

Description: The journalism trainer will spend four to six months living in one First Nations community in Northwestern Ontario, training community members in media production and engagement. The goal of this training will be to establish regular news programming in the community, provide media literacy training to community members and train select community members how to report on and from their communities and get their work published in mainstream and Indigenous media across Canada. The journalism trainer's role is as an educator working with Indigenous community members to assist in the development and publication of their own stories, not as an embedded journalist reporting from the community placement.

Duties:

- Complete pre-departure training to prepare for placement.
- Spend four to six months living and working in one First Nations community in Northern Ontario. *Term length is dependant on trainer availability and community preferences and will be definitively established prior to departure.*
- Work with and mentor community members, who have demonstrated an interest in developing skills and pursuing careers in journalism, basic radio, photo and print journalism and human rights reporting through mentorship and workshops.
- Facilitate pitches and freelance contracts between trainee journalists and media outlets across Canada.
- Host community forums that to engage the broader community and community leaders in media literacy and how to work with media.
- Work with leadership to develop a sustainable system for regular community news to be broadcast on the radio or online, continuing after the placement has ended.
- Conduct 'train the trainer' workshops to ensure that at least one community member has the skills to train others once the journalism trainer has left the community.
- Provide regular updates to the Dibaajimo.com website, and ensure all program participants are using Dibaajimo.com training materials and signing up as members to the site.
- Conduct regular monitoring and evaluation to track program progress and success via surveys and evaluation forms.
- Maintain regular communication with JHR management and write monthly reports tracking all project progress.

Required Qualifications:

- A degree or diploma in journalism or media production, or related experience
- A minimum of 2 years experience working in media
- Technical skills in radio production are highly recommended; however, candidates with experience in radio **and** print reporting are preferred.
- Experience in mentoring / training / teaching / workshop delivery / education
- Experience working with Indigenous communities in Canada
- A thorough understanding of Indigenous issues and human rights in Canada.
- Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Remuneration:

In consideration of the Services provided, JHR shall pay to the Trainer a total fee of \$2,150 per month. It is anticipated that the Trainer will use a portion for: \$1,000 per month for food; and \$150 per month for local transportation.

JHR will arrange and cover the cost of housing as well as arranging and paying for the Trainer's travel to and from the Community at the start and end of the contract.

Please send a cover letter and resume to irtrainer@jhr.ca. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis. Please apply as soon as possible.

We thank all applicants for applying but only those shortlisted for an interview will be contacted.