



## **2021 SUMMER FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION** **& APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Undergraduate students, including those who graduate in 2021, should apply to the media organization at which they want to work. Students can apply to both places.

Fellows will be paid \$6,000 each for the 10-week fellowship and can choose the fellowship dates that work best for them and their college schedule. COVID-19 safety is a priority for both publications, so if in-person attendance is too risky, the internships will become virtual.

*Chalkbeat Indiana* and the *Indianapolis Recorder* are seeking different skills and qualifications.

### **CHALKBEAT INDIANA**

#### **Responsibilities:**

Are you a motivated undergraduate interested in telling the story of education in America? Come work with us at *Chalkbeat* as a summer intern. Our newsroom has bureaus in eight cities — Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Indianapolis, Memphis, Newark, New York City, and most recently, Philadelphia — plus a national team. We cover the effort to improve schools for all children, especially students in the United States who have historically lacked access to a quality education.

We offer a 10-week paid internship in each bureau from June to August 2021. You will:

- Work a 40-hour week alongside some of the nation's top education journalists.
- Write daily stories on deadline, with editing from top-notch story editors.
- Leave Chalkbeat with at least two strong clips.
- Hone your writing skills to craft enticing ledes, effectively structure each story, and conduct fruitful interviews.
- Incorporate data journalism, polls, and social engagement.
- Attend weekly skill-building sessions.
- Become an integral part of a dynamic, diverse newsroom. Our interns interview, report, write, and learn — they don't make coffee or file paperwork.

Here are some of the stories our past interns filed.

["Charie Gibson was homeless 17 times. Now she helps more than 1,000 homeless students in Indianapolis."](#) By Erica Irish (Indiana 2019)

["Many Denver schools with high asthma rates aren't participating in a new air quality monitoring program"](#) by Kati Weis (Colorado 2019)

["NYC children out of school for summer struggle to access free meals — as food, federal dollars go to waste"](#) by Zipporah Osei (New York 2019)

[“Meet ‘The Outsiders’: New website aims to support students of color at NYC’s elite public high schools”](#) by Ashleigh Garrison (New York 2020)

[“Teachers need training to improve pandemic learning. Many are still waiting”](#) by Sneha Dey (Chicago 2020)

[“Indianapolis students accused their teachers of racism. Will the district’s investigation lead to change?”](#) by Emily Isaacman (Indiana 2020)

### **Who are you?**

- Journalism is your calling. You love finding things out and explaining them.
- You’re interested in public policy and social issues.
- You’re eager for feedback and enjoy collaborating.
- You’re flexible, a hard worker, creative, energetic, patient, and tenacious.
- You know how to report accurately, write clearly and concisely, and meet your deadlines.

### **You have:**

- Clips that demonstrate strong reporting and writing skills.
- Meaningful high school, college, or professional journalism experience.
- A demonstrable interest in public education.

### **About Chalkbeat:**

*Chalkbeat* is the nonprofit news organization committed to covering one of America’s most important stories: the effort to improve schools for all children, especially those who have historically lacked access to quality education. We are mission-driven journalists who believe that an independent local press is vital to ensuring that education improves. Currently in seven locations and growing, we seek to provide deep local coverage of education policy and practice that informs decisions and actions, leading to better schools. Read more about our mission and [values](#). We are committed to a diverse newsroom. Read our antiracism [statement](#).

### **To Apply:**

Please complete our 2021 Internship application [here](#) by **Dec. 1, 2020 at 11:59 PM EST**. (Please be sure to click on Indianapolis as the city to which you are applying)

**Questions:** Please contact Jenny Labalme at [jlabalme.indypress@att.net](mailto:jlabalme.indypress@att.net)

## **INDIANAPOLIS RECORDER**

### **Responsibilities:**

Recorder Media Group is seeking talented, highly motivated undergraduate journalism student or 2021 journalism graduate, with work published in student or professional publications, who will be responsible for writing articles for our weekly newspaper and quarterly magazine — print and online. In addition, the fellow could be tasked with taking photos and/or videos for articles.

The fellow will be expected to write articles and news briefs on a variety of topics that affect the Black community in Indianapolis as well as issues of diversity for the magazine. In addition to developing story ideas, the fellow will be given assignments from the editor. Hours per day are flexible, based on assignment, but most days fellows will be expected to work eight hours a day, usually from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding lunch). The successful candidate should be

comfortable interviewing sources in person or over the phone, be able to meet deadlines and turn in error-free copy. The fellow will work between May and August with the exact dates to be decided later.

The Recorder is a 125-year-old newspaper. It's the fourth-oldest African American-owned newspaper in the nation. The newspaper has a strong tradition of advocacy as well as educating, engaging and empowering the African American community. Indiana Minority Business Magazine is 16 years old and is distributed statewide. It's the only business magazine of its kind in the state focused on diversity and lifestyle.

**Qualifications:**

The candidate should possess strong writing and reporting skills, the ability to smell a good story, a natural curiosity and meet deadlines. Although fellows may have limited experience, they should be comfortable writing about the African American community. While not all stories will be specific to the community, fellows should be able to convey the impact an issue will have on the Black community.

**Skills:**

Qualified candidates should be proficient in Microsoft Word, able to use social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to promote content and a CMS. Ability to shoot photos and video is preferred but not required.

**To Apply:**

Please submit by email a resume, cover letter and your best three to five clips by **Dec. 1, 2020 at 11:59 PM EST** to: [oseyeb@indyrecorder.com](mailto:oseyeb@indyrecorder.com) and please cc: [indypressclub@yahoo.com](mailto:indypressclub@yahoo.com) The subject line should say: Indianapolis Recorder Fellowship – [Last Name]. Each attachment should be labeled accordingly: [last name] – cover letter; [last name] – resume; [last name] -- #1 story, [last name] -- #2 story etc... Please be sure your name is on each attached story.

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