

STS Newsroom Internships (x5)

UCL Department of Science and Technology Studies expands its opportunities through studentships. We now offer 5 paid studentships for work experience within the newly created STS Newsroom.

Each studentship involves 80 hours in total, envisioned as approximately 8 hours work per week for ten weeks. The work must commence on 26 April 2021. It will end on 30 June 2021. The precise distribution of hours will be agreed between post holders and project managers. Pay will be £12.93 per hour, totalling 80 hours over the course of the studentship. (London living wage currently is £10.85 per hour.)

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must demonstrate general knowledge and understanding of Science and Technology Studies as a subject area and must be a currently enrolled UCL student. Some relevant experience in STS is essential (e.g. students should have taken at least the modules HPSC0107, or HPSC0122, or equivalent). General skills for the post include excellent time management, ability to work independently and to multi-task, excellent communication skills, and ability to take initiative. Bilingual students are especially welcome to apply.

These studentships are intended primarily for undergraduate students to offer paid work experience in science journalism. Taught postgraduate students may apply, but undergraduates will be considered preferentially. Research postgraduate students are not eligible to apply. Employment requires a right-to-work in the UK.

The STS Newsroom

The STS newsroom is a group of five STS students, working one day a week for 10 weeks during term 3, under the supervision of Professor Joe Cain and Dr Jean-Baptiste Gouyon. They create news contents about the department which will be used in the department's outward communication. This will include written content for the departmental magazine, Alchemy (ucl.ac.uk/sts/alchemy) and the STS podcast series, "We Are STS". Mentoring will be available throughout the studentship.

Description of duties

Each post holder will be expected:

- to participate in one weekly newsroom meeting;
- to produce, over the course of the studentship, strong written material amounting to at least three short-form and one long-form pieces;
- to produce one podcast and to contribute segments in other podcasts.

Skills required

- Being well organised
- Being news-minded
- Being inquisitive
- Excellent writing skills
- Excellent interviewing skills
- Good copy-editing skills
- Ability to work to a deadline

Application procedure

Those wishing to apply must submit a one-page CV and a 100-word writing sample, based on an interview with any one individual connected to STS. In addition, please provide the name of one academic referee who can be asked to advise during the selection process.

Letters of application, CV and writing sample must be received no later than Friday **26 March 2021 at 17:00 PM** (GMT). These must be sent by email to Giuseppe La Rosa: giuseppe.larosa@ucl.ac.uk. Please include the phrase "STS Newsroom studentship" in the subject line of your email. Shortlisted candidates may be interviewed.

Start date: 26 April 2021

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