



Washington Research

F O U N D A T I O N

Science Writer (part-time; contractor)

Job description:

Washington Research Foundation (WRF) is looking for a part-time Science Writer to support the Communications Manager in researching, drafting and publishing content highlighting the Foundation's grant-making activities and partners.

This independent contract position is open to students enrolled in a graduate STEM program at a Washington state research university. Undergraduates with demonstrated research and writing experience may be considered.

Details:

The Science Writer will help to create content including feature articles, public newsletters, social media posts and press releases, working closely with WRF's Communications Manager and Director of Grant Programs. Our goal is to highlight some of the local cutting-edge research and scientists that WRF has funded over recent years, while providing a development opportunity for a STEM graduate student with an interest in scientific storytelling.

The position will pay \$30-35 per hour for up to 25 hours of work each month. The initial appointment is for up to one year while the student remains enrolled in a STEM program at a Washington-based research university.

The Science Writer can work remotely or at WRF's offices on Eastlake.

Approximate scope of work:

- Feature articles on WRF-funded researchers and projects
- Quarterly grants-focused public newsletter
- Background research for press releases
- Social media posts

Application:

Please submit the following via [Handshake](#) no later than **Sunday, October 8, 2023**:

- CV
- Cover letter describing your interest in the position, including your potential contribution and the experience you hope to gain if selected for the role. Please include a summary of your current

degree program and confirm that you are authorized to work up to 25 hours per month in the role as an independent contractor

- At least one writing sample demonstrating your ability to explain a scientific topic in a compelling way to a broad audience. The sample can be published or unpublished. Please do not submit technical scientific papers/publications

Next steps and anticipated timeline:

Shortlisted candidates will be informed no later than Friday, October 13 that they have been selected for an interview. They will then be asked to complete a short writing task prior to their interview, demonstrating their ability to explain a technology in a compelling way to a general audience.

Interviews will take place via Zoom between October 23 and November 3. We will attempt to arrange the interview for a mutually convenient time during standard business hours.

Our commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

Washington Research Foundation values diversity.

We're committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in our staff, our board of directors, and the researchers, entrepreneurs and organizations we fund. We encourage people from historically underserved communities to apply.

About us:

[Washington Research Foundation](#) (WRF) supports research and scholarship in Washington state, with a focus on life sciences and enabling technologies.

WRF was founded in 1981 to assist universities and other nonprofit research institutions in Washington with the commercialization and licensing of their technologies. WRF is one of the foremost technology transfer and grant-making organizations in the nation, having earned more than \$445 million in licensing revenue for the University of Washington and providing over \$147 million in grants to the state's research institutions to date.