



# THE COM FELLOWS FUND

*Funding Available for COM Students Pursuing Internships in Media*

## About

The COM Fellows Fund was established in 2020 by a generous COM alumnus looking to support **undergraduate students** in their pursuit of **high-quality internships at media organizations (e.g., broadcast, production, or news organizations)**. Rising juniors and senior students pursuing internships during the summer are eligible to apply for funds and distinction as COM Fellows. The COM Fellows committee maintains complete discretion in selecting students for each fellowship with qualifications and criteria set forth by the generous COM alumnus.

## Available Funding

**SUMMER 2025** Up to ten COM students who will be **rising as juniors or seniors** during summer 2025 are eligible to apply to receive \$10,000 each through their own previously established internships or internship partnerships formed between COM and high-level media organizations throughout spring 2025. Please note, students are only eligible to receive COM Fellows Funding once during their time at BU.

## How to Apply

### There are two ways to apply:

- **Obtain an internship for Summer 2025**

Obtain an internship **at media organizations (ex: broadcast, production, or news organizations.)** and then apply. Once you have obtained the internship, apply with the following information:

Email the following in **one pdf document** to Nichelle Cross: [nicross@bu.edu](mailto:nicross@bu.edu) no later than Thursday, April 10th, 2025

- Resume
- 1 page essay: Describing your internship, why you qualified and how the funding would contribute to your college experience and career aspirations.
- Job description
- Proof of offer letter
- Cover sheet on page 2 of this form

### And/or

- **Apply to one of our COM Fellows Internships**

Various internships will be introduced as "COM Fellows Internships" throughout Spring 2025. Each will feature unique deadlines set forth by the employer. \*Please note some positions will have a committee of faculty reviewing applications and sending the top candidates to the employer.

- ☐ Email the following in **one pdf document** to Nichelle Cross: [nicross@bu.edu](mailto:nicross@bu.edu) by **March 7th, 2025**
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Cover letter\*
- ☐ Other\* (Ex: clips, portfolio)
- ☐ Cover sheet on page 3

\*if required by that employer

## Boston University's College of Communication Mission:

We build understanding through communication education, practice, and discovery.

We prepare students to lead, to adapt, and to share their voices in a transformational media world.

We generate knowledge through research and theory building.

We integrate professional and academic experiences across communication disciplines.

We nurture a culture rich in diversity, critical thinking, and creative expression.



We champion communication grounded in truth, authenticity, effectiveness, and purpose.



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### **Boston 25 News**

Boston 25 News (WFXT) hands-on internship program is designed to provide early career candidates with the opportunity to engage with top professionals and enhance their media and broadcast knowledge through hands-on experience in several departments within the TV station. Our interns will work closely with producers, anchors, and reporters both in-house and out in the field and may also participate in special projects identified by market and news leaders.

At Boston 25 News (WFXT), our talented interns will help producers research and write stories for daily broadcasts, edit video using current editing software, and create and post content on social media platforms. Interns may also shadow the producers in the control room and eventually learn to produce a portion of the newscast.

In the field, our interns will learn how to operate camera equipment, set-up live shots, create content packages and learn how reporters gather news information. Interns may also function as field producers by coordinating interviews and attending press conferences. If interns are interested in on-air opportunities, anchors and reporters may serve as mentors to help create craft news reels by the end of the internship program.

### **WHAT YOU WILL DO:**

- Shadow various team members within the newsroom to gain a better understanding of newsroom operations.
- Conduct research on news topics.
- Contact interview sources and guests, as needed.
- Create engaging content for all platforms, broadcast, digital, and social.
- Attend editorial meetings and support the generation of show ideas.
- Assist as needed in the newsroom.
- Participate in special projects and potentially present insights and/or recommendations to market leaders.

### **WHAT YOU WILL BRING:**

- Undergraduate or recent college graduate.
- Pursuing a degree in the media field of study is a plus (e.g., Broadcast Journalism, Communications, Marketing, or related field).
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (i.e., Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint).



- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Proactive, agile, and can multitask in a fast-paced environment.
- Strong interpersonal skills to effectively build internal and external relationships.
- Strong organizational, planning, and problem-solving skills.
- Able to multi-task in a high-speed environment.
- High work standards and degree of attention to detail.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

**How to Apply:** Please email your cover letter and resume to Nichelle Cross at [nicross@bu.edu](mailto:nicross@bu.edu).

**Applications are due by March 7, 2025.**

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**Please fill out the following information in your application**

Legal First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
BU ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
BU Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
External (non-BU Email address): \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
LinkedIn URL: \_\_\_\_\_