



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 2026 Up to ten COM students who will be **rising as juniors or seniors** during summer 2026 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 2026**

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:

- 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 2026. 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.

*if required by that employer



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The Baltimore Banner Newsroom Summer Internship Program **This internship is paid through the COM Fellows Fund.**

Job Title: 2026 Summer Intern - Reporter

Internship Period: 10 weeks beginning Date: June 2026- August 2026

Hours: 40 hours per week

Schedule: Some nights and weekends

Location: 641 East Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland, 21202

About The Baltimore Banner: The Baltimore Banner is a nonprofit newsroom founded to bring high-quality local journalism to the Baltimore metro area. We are creating a vibrant, strong, trustworthy, and sustainable news organization, seeking to re-imagine the future of local news. Using a multi-platform news operation, covering a broad range of topics from local government to culture and the arts. We tell stories that reflect the community, connecting neighbors, holding government institutions accountable, and making sense of the world. All this work is grounded in truth. We believe we can contribute to a more vibrant, informed, and whole Baltimore, surrounding counties, and the state of Maryland

About the Internship:

Are you a visionary interested in working in a fast-paced environment and helping to shape a start-up?

As a News Reporter intern, you will cover an array of topics— ranging from breaking news, local government, criminal justice and in-depth feature stories — allowing you to develop your reporting, writing and sourcing skills. We are looking for interns who are quick thinkers, eager to chase stories, and ready to contribute fresh, “outside-the-box” ideas. You should have a natural curiosity and be open to feedback from editors and other reporters. While you write your own stories, you may be asked to help other reporters on their stories as well. Interns will receive assignments from editors but are also encouraged to pitch their own story ideas.

As a Newsroom Intern, you will experience the following responsibilities:

- Generate engaging content for The Baltimore Banner site, including stories, photos, and social media posts.
- Collaborate with other interns and editors to uncover and develop unique story ideas.
- Contribute to daily coverage, enterprise stories, and long-term projects.
- Utilize social media to engage readers and draw attention to your stories.
- Build a strong set of sources to provide insightful coverage.



Internship Eligibility:

- Rising Junior or Senior with a major in the College of Communication
- Experience at a college newspaper or previous internship
- Strong clips or other body of work
- Clear and concise writing skills or strong photography and social media skills
- Knowledge of emerging trends and journalism and digital communications
- Strong research, quantitative or qualitative skills
- Open to new ideas
- Open to editing and learning from veteran journalists and editors.
- Ability to work independently and as a team member.
- Flexibility and ability to adjust to the changing news cycle.
- Able to learn about new subjects quickly and accurately.
- **Legal authorization to work in the United States** - sponsorship will not be provided for this position.

Internship Benefits:

- Paid Opportunity
- Extensive orientation and hands-on training within a newsroom
- Flexible Work Schedule
- Fantastic culture and work environment
- Direct responsibilities and coaching
- Experiencing the journalism industry through the eyes of a start-up

How to Apply:

Apply using this form: <https://forms.gle/cyrqcvPWhr98VamNA> by **Friday, February 20th, 2026.**

- ☐ Upload your resume in the form
- ☐ Upload your cover letter in the form (optional)
- ☐ 3-5 reporting samples

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