



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 2026. 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:

Email the following in **one pdf document** to Nichelle Cross: nicross@bu.edu

- 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.

- ☐ Email the following in **one pdf document** to Nichelle Cross: nicross@bu.edu **by February 20th, 2026**
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Cover letter*
- ☐ Other* (Ex: clips, portfolio)

*if required by that employer

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.



America's Test Kitchen

The mission of America's Test Kitchen (ATK) is to empower and inspire confidence, community, and creativity in the kitchen. Founded in 1992, the company is the leading multimedia cooking resource serving millions of fans with TV shows (*America's Test Kitchen*, *Cook's Country*, and *America's Test Kitchen: The Next Generation*), magazines (*Cook's Illustrated* and *Cook's Country*), cookbooks, a podcast (*Proof*), FAST channels, short-form video series, and the ATK Essential Membership for digital content. Based in a state-of-the-art 15,000-square-foot test kitchen in Boston's Seaport District, ATK has earned the trust of home cooks and culinary experts alike thanks to its one-of-a-kind processes and best-in-class techniques. Fifty full-time (admittedly very meticulous) test cooks, editors, and product testers spend their days tweaking every variable to find the very best recipes, equipment, ingredients, and techniques.

TV & Podcast Department

The TV & Podcast team is small but mighty. Our main work focuses on the company's two flagship shows, *America's Test Kitchen* and *Cook's Country*, and its podcast *Proof*. Our mission is to create television and audio content that engages existing fans and introduces new audiences to America's Test Kitchen. We aim to empower home cooks through content that is smart, educational, and entertaining. We're hyper-collaborative, supportive, and detail oriented. We come from a range of backgrounds and experiences, and value new perspectives.

Internship Description

As part of the TV & Podcast team, interns will gain exposure to soup-to-nuts production and post-production workflows including valuable first-hand experience that will prepare candidates for roles on television, podcast or video production teams. Interns will be responsible for supporting the day-to-day operations of the department but will also have the opportunity to customize an internship experience based on their interests.

Tasks may include:

- Assist production team during pre-show production of the flagship TV shows
- Provide hands on support during filming
- Source archival audio for the podcast
- Review TV and podcast scripts and provide feedback
- Use internal databases to download recipes and images
- Support postproduction efforts
- Organize administrative systems



How to apply for the 2026 COM Fellows ATK: TV & Podcast Intern

Fill out the COM Fellows Application Form: <https://forms.gle/XgrEes4GuCVVfnDy6>

Deadline: February 20th.