Reporter – Mountain West News Bureau (Full-Time, Exempt)

Reports to: Director of News & Mountain West Editor
Department: News

Summary:

KUNC is an NPR affiliate in Greeley, Colorado that serves a large audience around the state including Denver, Boulder, Fort Collins, eastern Colorado, and mountain communities. We are seeking an experienced Reporter for our collaboration with the Mountain West News Bureau. Our ideal candidate has a solid foundation of reporting skills and radio production, and a desire to work as part of a team with a can-do attitude for meeting expectations.

The Mountain West News Bureau is a consortium of NPR-affiliate stations that act as a network to provide in-depth, impartial, and critical reporting across the Rocky Mountain region. Member stations are located in Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

Primary Functions:

Reporter works with the Mountain West News Bureau editor to produce relevant and engaging content on issues including public lands, western culture, politics, the environment, news trends in the region and more. Reporter creates newscast spots along with sound-rich, in-depth features and web content for KUNC and the other stations served by the Mountain West News Bureau. Reporters have assigned newscast days, typically once or twice per week. Reporter also covers breaking news as assigned.

Reporter is a professional who knows how to manage their time, works well with editors, and colleagues, brings a flair for writing and storytelling – all while being fair, accurate and ethical.

Specific Job Duties:

In-Depth & Enterprise Reporting

Reporter works with the Mountain West News Bureau Editor to identify and report on issues, trends, and stories relevant to the state they are based in and Mountain West region. Features include audio and digital reporting with sound rich storytelling, multiple voices, and sources, and a balanced reporting approach.

KUNC Reporting

While primarily assigned by the Mountain West News Bureau Editor, Reporter is a member of the KUNC news team. KUNC’s Director of News and the Mountain West News Bureau Editor work together when KUNC Reporting is needed. Reporter will work directly with KUNC on specific projects, such as:
• Participating in 2-ways for our daily news magazine, *Colorado Edition*. These provide additional information and background to our audience on features and spots that are being produced for the Mountain West News Bureau.

• Breaking news coverage, when needed.

• Reporting on occasional in-depth series produced by the KUNC newsroom.

**Additional Responsibilities:**

• Participates in station on-air fundraising when needed.

• Participates in community engagement events, for both KUNC and the Mountain West News Bureau.

• Performs other duties and attend trainings as assigned by KUNC.

**Experience, Skills & Education:**

• We prefer candidates with a public radio background but are open to training an applicant with significant news reporting experience in print or television who shows a strong desire to transition to public radio reporting in the NPR style.

• Multimedia skills (audio editing, writing for web, photography/video, social media, etc.).

• Demonstrated ability to be flexible with reporting assignments while still meeting deadlines.

• Ability to work collaboratively, demonstrating an understanding and respect for public broadcasting in general and the diverse constituencies it serves.

• A bachelor’s degree in journalism or related field and two years experience in journalism.

• Bilingual in Spanish is a plus but not required.

**Physical Demands and Work Environment:**

• The ability to remain in a stationary position frequently.

• The ability to occasionally move about inside the office to access office machinery, co-workers’ offices, etc.

• The ability to frequently operate a computer and other office productivity machinery such as a laptop, office printer, telephones, etc.

• The ability to frequently communicate with clients and co-workers, via telephone, email and other means of communication as required.

• The work environment is primarily in an office area with moderate noise levels and moderate requirements for physical exertion, mostly lifting of personal computers, promotional items, etc. Occasionally requires/asks employee to travel to and from professional development conferences and meetings with potential & current members and co-workers.

*This job description is not designed to contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee.*
Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

We offer competitive salaries and generous benefits including health & dental care, life & short-term disability insurance, 403b retirement, and more.

CRNC is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to providing a safe and inclusive workplace, where we celebrate and encourage workplace diversity. CRNC will not tolerate discrimination or harassment based on race, color, religion or belief, national, social or ethnic origin, sex (including pregnancy), age, physical, mental or sensory disability, HIV Status, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, marital, civil union or domestic partnership status, past or present military service, family medical history or genetic information, family or parental status, or any other status protected by the laws or regulations in the locations where we operate.

SELECTION PROCESS: Application deadline is 11:59 p.m. MT on 09/28/20.

You will receive an email acknowledgment when you have successfully applied. Your completed application will be forwarded to the hiring team. You will be notified if you are selected for further testing or interviews via email.

Please keep your contact information up-to-date.

Community Radio for Northern Colorado's mission is to strengthen our community by cultivating the mind and spirit - informing, inspiring and entertaining.