



NEWS FOR THE REST OF US

## **2016 Part-time Internship Opportunities @ rabble.ca!**

*rabble.ca* is one of the success stories of Canadian independent journalism, publishing news and columns by some of the best writers of the left, and providing exposure to new writers. You can read, hear and watch them in our original news, opinion, blogs, books, podcast and video sections, and on our moderated discussion board, babble! Since *rabble.ca*'s inception in 2001, our readership has grown by leaps and bounds while maintaining a loyal core readership: we get up to 450,000 unique visitors monthly, and we are growing.

*rabble.ca* isn't your typical media. We operate on a shoestring budget -- our annual budget is less than the salary of a single news anchor in some bigger media outlets. We're an incorporated not-for-profit organization funded by readers and sustaining partners, and fuelled by activist energy. *rabble.ca* is run by passionate media professionals who work part-time and give their all to bring you the news and views that matter.

*rabble.ca* is currently seeking part-time volunteer editorial interns for summer 2016 -- please see descriptions of each below. Our internships meet the standards laid out by the Ontario Ministry of Labour, which are outlined here:

<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/es/pubs/internships.php>

Although our internships meet the standards to protect young workers, as a progressive news source, *rabble.ca* seeks to push well beyond what is considered fair and compensates interns according to our means. To recognize that interns are valued and appreciated, we offer a \$500 honourarium following the successful completion of each internship.

### **Applications are due by Friday, April 15, 2016 at 5 p.m. EST.**

As rabble operates in a virtual office environment, interns may be located anywhere in the country and will work from home; positions run through August 2016.

Candidates for the internship positions described below should have the following qualifications:

- Familiarity with *rabble.ca*;
- High level of responsibility, ability to meet deadlines and to work independently and with accuracy and attention to detail;
- Awareness of current affairs and of social justice movements;
- Experience working in a virtual environment preferable.

## **Internship 1: News writing and editing**

The successful candidate will work one-on-one with rabble editors and participate in some of the daily tasks involved in producing the site. In addition, the candidate will be expected to pitch news stories, take regular news-writing assignments, assist with maintenance of our event listings page and work with the news editor to prepare articles for publication. The news intern will also gain experience in research and fact checking. Strong writing, editing and research skills are a must, as are an interest in current affairs and the ability to meet quick deadlines. You will have the opportunity to produce original feature and news material, learn and develop editing skills, and work closely with a group of committed media producers and journalists at one of Canada's most innovative media websites.

Time commitment required: 10 hours per week; location of supervising editor: Brooklyn

Your location is not important but your access to the Internet and ability to meet regularly by Skype or telephone is essential.

Please send your resume and one-page covering letter describing your qualifications and why you'd like this position to news coordinator Kaitlin McNabb c/o internships@rabble.ca. Please note "news internship 2016" in the subject line.

## **Internship 2: Blogs**

This position will focus on developing editorial, writing and publishing skills under the supervision of *rabble.ca's* blogs coordinator.

This is a writing internship. The successful candidate for this position knows their nominatives from their datives, but more importantly knows how to use them beautifully. They fiercely believe the blog is the purest form of journalism. They acknowledge that language can oppress as easily as it can liberate because they have social justice written on their bones. They carry a chip on their shoulder when it comes to stories on post-secondary education issues -- labour, tuition, debt, teaching -- and aren't shy about letting everyone know it. The more chips, the better, in fact. They love independent media and want to make it better.

This is also an editing internship. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to learn and participate in every aspect of a variety of editorial and publishing duties including: curating a blog on post-secondary education, tracking down potential reprints; enlisting writers for original articles; attending weekly story meetings with pitches in hand; proofreading submissions; and immersing themselves in the editorial culture of *rabble.ca*.

The successful candidate will commit, on average, 8-10 hours per week, including bi-weekly check-ins with the main supervising staff member. This supervisor is based in Victoria, B.C., but a versatile intern with experience working in a digital world can accomplish their duties from anywhere.

Time commitment required: 10 hours per week; location of main supervisor: Victoria

Please send resume and one-page covering letter describing your qualifications and why you would like this position to blogs coordinator Michael Stewart c/o internships@rabble.ca. Please note "rabble blogs internship 2016" in the subject line.

*We thank all candidates for their application, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*