

## **Position: Labour Beat reporting internship**

**Anticipated Hours:** 12 hours per week, 39 weeks (October to May)

**Location:** Ottawa, Toronto or Vancouver

### **The placement**

In partnership with Unifor, *rabble.ca* is pleased to announce our fourth annual **Labour Beat Internship**. The placement will provide the successful candidate with unique opportunities to develop a grounding for reporting on national labour issues. The internship will involve access to meetings, conferences, media briefings and interviews with leaders in the labour movement, and may include shadowing *rabble.ca*'s Parliament Hill reporter to committees and scrums.

In addition, the successful candidate will become familiar with some of the daily tasks involved in producing a daily national news site. The successful candidate will work one-on-one with *rabble.ca*'s editors, and will have opportunities to participate in the production of multimedia storytelling. Working independently from our desks in Ottawa, Toronto or Vancouver, the candidate will be expected to pitch news stories, take regular news-writing assignments and work with the editor to prepare articles for publication. The labour reporter will also gain experience in research and fact-checking. Strong writing, editing and research skills are a must, as are a demonstrated interest in the labour movement, current affairs and the ability to meet quick deadlines and to work independently.

### **Responsibilities**

- 1) Assist with copy editing and fact-checking of news articles
- 2) Assist with Labour Issue page, blogs and Activist Toolkit
- 3) Attend weekly story meetings and monthly editorial meetings
- 4) Contribute weekly news stories to *rabble.ca*
- 5) Contribute weekly roundups or brief reports to *rabble.ca*
- 6) Research, edit labour-related stories
- 7) Contribute to events listing
- 8) Other tasks as required

### **Supervision and reporting**

Report to *rabble.ca*'s editor.

### **Qualifications:**

- Journalism degree or equivalent experience, plus a minimum of two years' working experience

in the field

- Demonstrated experience in online media and knowledge of the labour movement
- Creative problem-solving and decision-making skills for a virtual office
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Familiarity with Internet technology
- Demonstrated capacity to work independently
- Must have computer and high-speed Internet access

### **To apply**

Applications are accepted by email only and should be sent to [jobs@rabble.ca](mailto:jobs@rabble.ca) by midnight, September 23, 2015.

Applications must include:

- A cover letter, indicating why you are interested in the Labour Reporter internship and how it fits into your future career aspirations
- Your resume
- Three writing samples (published or unpublished)

Please note: Only applicants selected for interview will be contacted. Thank you to all those who apply.

### **Remuneration**

This is a paid internship placement, sponsored in partnership with Unifor.

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### **About *rabble.ca***

*rabble.ca* is a Canadian independent media success story. Built on the efforts of progressive journalists, writers, artists and progressives across the country, rabble launched on April 18, 2001, just before the protests against the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City.

*rabble.ca* is a registered not-for-profit organization. We rely on the support of individual and organization donors and our sustaining partners.

The site gets up to 450,000 visitors monthly, and we are growing. *rabble.ca* features some of the best new and emerging progressive voices in Canada. *rabble.ca* is 100 per cent free to read, watch, listen, post and discuss the news of the day -- the "news for the rest of us."

*rabble.ca* delivers intentionally progressive journalism. The *rabble.ca* site aims to present a range of opinion from people who are engaged in struggles for social justice, workers' rights, peace, and an inclusive society. *rabble.ca* is committed to reflecting current events accurately from a progressive point of view. *rabble.ca*'s role is to report on stories and viewpoints that are underreported, not reported, or mis-reported in mainstream media. The need for accurate, current reporting on issues concerning the labour movement is a key example of *rabble.ca*'s mandate.

## **About Unifor**

Unifor is Canada's largest private sector union, with more than 305,000 members across the country, working in every major sector of the Canadian economy.

Unifor brings a modern approach to unionism: adopting new tools, involving and engaging our members, and always looking for new ways to develop the role and approach of our union to meet the demands of the 21st century.

Every person of working age in Canada has a right to a good job and the benefits of economic progress.

Unifor was officially formed on August 31, 2013, at a Founding Convention in Toronto, Ontario. It marked the coming together of the Canadian Auto Workers union (CAW) and the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP) -- two of Canada's largest and most influential labour unions.