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Labour Beat Reporting Internship: 2020

Hours: 15 hours per week, 39 weeks (March-November)

Location: Toronto or Vancouver

The placement

rabble.ca is pleased to announce our seventh 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'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's editors, and will have opportunities to participate in the production of multimedia storytelling. Working independently from our desks in Toronto or Vancouver, the candidate will be expected to pitch news stories, take regular news writing assignments and work with rabble's editor-in-chief 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

- Contribute weekly news stories to *rabble.ca*
- Contribute weekly roundups or brief reports to *rabble.ca*
- Research and edit labour-related feature stories
- Assist with copy-editing and fact-checking of news articles
- Attend weekly story meetings and monthly editorial meetings
- Attend occasional events or info sessions

Qualifications:

- Journalism degree or equivalent experience, plus a minimum of three 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
- 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. Deadline is **midnight, February 21, 2020**

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 resumé
- 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 at a rate of \$20/hour.

rabble.ca is committed to equity and anti-racism in its policies and practices, supports diversity in its journalistic and work environments, and ensures that applications for members of underrepresented groups are seriously considered under employment equity. All qualified individuals who would contribute to the further diversification of the rabble.ca community are encouraged to apply.

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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 *rabble.ca* site gets an average of 200,000 visitors monthly -- with more than one million users in the last federal election. *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, and interactively 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 opinions 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 in mainstream media. The need for accurate, current reporting on issues concerning the labour movement is a key example of rabble's mandate.