

# The Maynard E. Orme Internship Program



The focus of this internship is news and public affairs. Interns will have the opportunity to tailor some aspects of the internship after consulting with senior OPB News editors. The intern will be supervised by a senior editor to learn about various OPB News projects. Primary duties will consist of radio journalism, with the potential for online and video production elements. Interns will rotate through several aspects of OPB News production, including Think Out Loud (a daily radio/online program), daily news coverage for OPB Radio, and opbnews.org. Daily duties may include spot news coverage, producing a talk show, or working on an in-depth series or a multiplatform enterprise news project. Interns will work closely with OPB News editorial staff. Interns will participate in a highly collaborative newsroom, attending regular news meetings with reporters and producers. They will be encouraged to contribute ideas for stories and shows. This position requires fundamental skills in journalism and demonstrated knowledge of reporting ethics. It helps to have a nose for what makes a good news story, good writing skills and familiarity with audio and video editing software. Candidates should be used to the editing process, must be highly motivated, and must be able to work independently.

## Internship Description

The focus of this internship is news and public affairs. Interns will have the opportunity to shape their internship in conjunction with senior OPB News editors. The intern will be directly supervised by a senior editor as they learn about various OPB News projects. Primary duties will consist of radio journalism, with potential online and television journalism elements. Ideally, the selected intern will complete a major project during their tenure, experiencing both radio production and reporting. Interns may be assigned to assist on one or several aspects of OPB News production, including Think Out Loud (a daily radio/online program), daily news coverage for OPB Radio and opbnews.org, and/or special projects that may include an in-depth series or a multiplatform enterprise news project. All of these projects may include a web component (i.e., blog, podcast). Interns will work closely with OPB's Radio and editorial staff. This position requires a great deal of creativity, innovation, follow-through and initiative.

**Each year, one intern will be selected for the Maynard E. Orme Internship. The internship involves:**

- a three-month commitment, typically late March – early June
- a 40-hour work week
- a \$5,000 stipend per intern

## Eligibility

- Students must be enrolled at or have graduated in the past year from the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication.
- The student must have completed University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication course J432. (Students can be currently enrolled in J432 but must complete the course prior to the internship.)
- Students from Oregon will receive preference in the selection process.

## Application Process & Requirements

- Application form and more information is available at University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication or opb.org.
- Students should submit application materials to the School of Journalism and Communication.
- University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication staff will ensure that the received application packets are complete, conduct a faculty screening of the packets and submit the top three or four candidates to OPB staff.
- OPB staff and a selection panel will interview the top candidates and select an intern before the University of Oregon spring registration date.
- Interns will be required to submit an end-of-term report to their faculty advisor prior to the last day of term classes. Please see faculty advisor for details.

**Required application materials:**

- OPB Maynard E. Orme Internship application
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Recent academic transcript (unofficial or official)
- Letters of recommendation (min. of 2)
- Work sample (3 - 5 examples of previous journalism work which may include articles published in a student newspaper, audio or video production for school or professional projects, or an independent film project.) Work sample items should be submitted in hard copy for print, CD for audio and DVD for video/film.

**Please send complete application materials to:**

Sherry Myers  
Career & Academic Advisor,  
School of Journalism and Communication  
99 Agate Hall  
1275 University of Oregon  
Eugene, OR 97403

**Application Deadline:**

Application materials must be postmarked by November 1st.

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**Mission**

Oregon Public Broadcasting: giving voice to the community, connecting Oregon and its neighbors, illuminating a wider world.

**OPB Radio**

OPB Radio is consistently the most-listened-to station in the region, reaching nearly 400,000 listeners per week.

**OPB TV**

OPB TV viewing is among the highest in the PBS system. OPB TV reaches about 90 percent of all Oregonians and is seen in southern Washington as well.

**OPB Online**

OPB.org is among the most visited of public broadcasting station sites, with visitors from all 50 states and over 100 countries.



**Oregon Public Broadcasting**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address and Phone (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor/Department \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other internship experiences you have had: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please give a brief description of your internship goals: \_\_\_\_\_

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