



Join Our Team!

Who We Are: The Public's Radio and Rhode Island PBS have recently merged in a move to build on their commitment to community service and local journalism in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts and we're hiring! We have an opening for a Newport Bureau Reporter to cover the communities of Aquidneck Island and adjacent regions. The reporter will be based at our regional bureau in Newport and have a particular emphasis on engagement journalism, focused on issues affecting the diverse and often under-reported communities of the region. This is a full-time position with benefits. The Newport Bureau Reporter reports to the Community Bureau Chief.

Position: Newport Bureau Reporter

Reports to: Chief Content Officer

Supervises: None

Location: Providence, RI (in-person only)

Type: Full-Time

Exempt / Non Exempt: Exempt

Basic Function: The Newport Bureau Reporter is responsible for consistently generating story ideas, working to secure quality interview sources, and writing articles for local audiences in the Newport area. The Newport Bureau Reporter must be comfortable turning around stories quickly and accurately as well as pursue deeper topics related to issues in the local area. This role involves interviewing individuals from a varied background and requires an ability to connect with individuals in a professional, effective manner as a representative of the organization.



Specific Duties (including but not limited to):

- News Reporting: Coverage of daily news for broadcast and digital channels, including spots, short features
- Enterprise/Investigative Reporting: Generate ideas, pitch stories, and report long-form stories on issues affecting the communities of Aquidneck Island and adjacent towns and villages
- Web page: Write and post web stories; maintain Newport Bureau page and any special project pages
- Collaboration: Collaborate with journalists at The Public's Radio, Rhode Island PBS and other news organizations as appropriate
- Community Engagement: Build community relationships, host and participate in in-person community events
- Fundraising: Participate in regular on-air fund drives
- Other duties as determined by the Community Bureau Chief and Chief Content Officers

Education / Experience / Qualifications:

- 1-3 years of reporting experience is required.
- Competency in written and spoken Spanish and/or Portuguese, or other language skills is required.
- Knowledge of regional communities and the issues facing them is required.
- Strong interviewing skills are required.
- Proven ability to communicate effectively in writing is required.
- Proficiency in multi-platform journalism, including audio production and photography is required.
- A demonstrated ability to maintain the highest journalistic standards under deadline pressures is required.
- A passion for local journalism and researching content that will engage local audiences is required.
- Ability to work collaboratively with reporters of different backgrounds and skill sets is required.
- A track record of exhibiting cultural competency is required.



What We Offer: At Rhode Island PBS and the Publics Radio, we foster a creative, dynamic workplace where employees can thrive, grow and connect with our mission. We offer a comprehensive benefits package that includes:

- Health and Wellness Benefits including health, dental and vision insurance;
- 403(b) Retirement Plan Benefit that includes a 100% matching contribution up to 6% of the employee's contribution, plus a pre-tax employer discretionary match up to 2% of the employee's compensation;
- Paid Time Off package of 25 days, as well as a minimum of 12 holidays each year;
- Other Benefits Options including a flexible spending account, life insurance, long-term disability insurance, pet insurance, and other voluntary insurance options.
- Benefits: Benefits include generous health, dental, vision insurance; 13 paid holidays, 3 weeks' vacation per year, 3 weeks' sick leave per year.

How to Apply: Interested applicants should email their application documents to careers@ripbs.org. Required application documents for this position include:

- Resume
- Cover letter highlighting the work and experience you believe make you the most ideally qualified candidate for this position.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis but applications submitted by August 9, 2024, will receive priority consideration. Please indicate the position to which you are applying in the subject line of your email.

No phone calls, please.

Rhode Island PBS and The Publics Radio is an equal opportunity employer committed to maintaining a diverse and inclusive workplace. People of color, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ candidates are encouraged to apply. We consider all applicants without regard to race, color, religion, gender identity, gender expression, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, military service, or genetic information.