

LJI Job Posting:

Trent Radio is Producer Oriented Broadcast Facility located in downtown Nogjiwanong-Peterborough. Sponsored by the students of Trent University, Trent Radio focuses on providing learning opportunities in communication and broadcasting arts.

Trent Radio's programming is primarily produced by seasonal volunteers, with a focus on community engagement, local music and arts, and amplifying underrepresented voices from within our broadcast region. The support from the CRFC to create a Local Journalist position is both exciting and empowering as we seek to learn about fostering an inclusive and equitable regular news feature to our broadcast schedule.

Under the supervision of Trent Radio staff and with the mentorship of an established local journalist, the LJI journalist will lead the creation of news programming for broadcast on Trent Radio. Because Trent Radio has not previously broadcast news, this will involve experimentation and creativity to develop program formats and approaches that best serve local listeners.

While the journalist will have support from a local mentor, they will be expected to work independently to research, report, record, edit and air their stories.

The Local Journalism Initiative (LJI) program was launched by the Community Radio Fund of Canada and funded by the Government of Canada. The program is focusing on diverse, local communities that may be underserved in the Canadian news landscape. The goal is to increase the production of community and civic news in those areas and to make that news more accessible across the country.

Job Title: Local Journalist

Term: 11 month contract 01-May-2023 to 31-March-2024)

Salary: \$25/hr (plus employee health benefits)

Expected Working Hours: 37.5 hrs/week. The LJI will complete their weekly hours through a combination of pre-scheduled on-site production shifts, and independent flexible assignment based hours. Evenings and Weekends required.

Requirements:

- Knowledge of the communities within Trent Radio's broadcast range, including Peterborough City, Peterborough County, City of Kawartha Lakes, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation
- Knowledge of community and regional concerns or news and a passion for local journalism.
- An instinct for unique local stories that engage and educate and are suited to the audio medium
- Excellent interview and communication skills

- Excellent writing and research skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Strong people skills (you are a great listener, speaker and interviewer)
- Critical thinking and ability to analyze issues and to remain impartial
- Education or experience working in journalism, media and/or communication arts an asset
- Basic audio editing & production skills an asset
- Radio experience an asset
- Deadline driven with an eye for detail
- Social media savvy, for both posting and research purposes
- Reliable transportation for rural community coverage

Other Qualifications/requirements:

- Understanding with diversity, different perspectives and sensitive/complex issues.
- Desire to drive news and increase awareness of, and interest in community stories and experiences
- Attend editorial meetings with station & LJI coordinators as required.

We are looking for applications from individuals who care about our communities, and possess the drive and skills required to create engaging local, community and civic journalism. This opportunity is designed as an experiential learning opportunity, an opportunity to gain valuable work experience with direct support and mentorship, and is suitable for a passionate individual with the key requirements - and a willingness to learn on the job.

If this sounds like you, please apply to Trent Radio with a cover letter describing why you would be the best candidate for this position, a current resume and a few examples of your work.

Trent Radio encourages applications from a diverse range of candidates, including (but not limited to) women, BIPOC individuals, those who identify as LGBTQ+, and people living with disabilities.

Thank you to everyone for your interest in the LJI program. Unfortunately, we cannot respond to all applicants. Only those candidates under consideration will be contacted.

This position is funded by the Community Radio Fund of Canada and the Government of Canada's Local Journalism Initiative.

Please send applications via email to: info@trentradio.ca

Attn: Trent Radio Hiring Committee

Subject: LJI Application

Deadline to Apply: Friday April 14th, 2023 @ NOON