

Society of Environmental Journalists: High Country News Paid Internships & Fellowships  
High Country News is looking for informed and enthusiastic editorial interns and fellows to report on natural resource, environmental and community issues in the 11 Western states.

High Country News, published twice-monthly in Paonia, Colo., is a nonprofit news magazine and website "for people who care about the West." The magazine reaches 25,000 subscribers — an estimated 60,000 readers — and the website reaches thousands more, including grassroots activists, public land managers, tribal officials, government policymakers, educators, students and interested citizens.

The Los Angeles Times has written that High Country News is "the most influential environmental journal in the Mountain West," and according to Newsweek, "High Country News is a must for anyone following land use issues west of the 100th meridian."

Every year, High Country News offers four to six internship positions, each six months long, starting in June and January, and a yearlong fellowship, starting each January. We provide free housing and a \$220-per-week stipend for interns and free housing and a \$375-per-week stipend for fellows. To help defray moving costs, an additional \$500 travel stipend is available upon successful completion of the internship.

Our interns and fellows are a key part of the HCN team; aside from a few minor tasks such as sorting the mail and answering phones, interns spend most of their time researching, interviewing, writing, and developing content -- both for print and online. We pride ourselves on fairness, accuracy and good writing, and we expect no less of our interns.

For all of our positions, a bachelor's degree or equivalent and some prior journalism experience and/or education is preferred. We also prefer applicants who are familiar with High Country News and who have lived in the West and know its environmental and community issues.

Photographic experience and familiarity with audio and visual programs such as Final Cut Pro and Flash, as well as radio or video experience are all pluses. We strongly encourage Native American journalists, Hispanic journalists and those from other under-represented backgrounds to apply. Our fellowship is designed for journalists with experience that may preclude them from an internship and who may have something extra, in terms of experience, to bring to High Country News.

All interns and fellows work with the staff editors to write news stories for the website and for the newsmagazine, ranging in length from 250 to 1,600 words. Depending on their experience and ability, they may also get the opportunity to write a 2,500- to 5,000-word feature story. Our editing process is rigorous -- all copy goes through two layers of editing and it is not unusual for a story to see six or eight drafts. Reporting is generally conducted over the phone and the Internet, but we do have money to send interns and fellows into the field at least once to do on-the-ground work.

Our interns and fellows go on to become leaders in journalism and politics. They pursue careers as reporters, editors, educators, lawyers, policymakers and freelance writers.

Upcoming start dates and application deadlines are as follows. Applications must be received in our office by the deadline date.

#### Internship Winter/Spring

Starts mid-January

Ends mid-June

(Applications must be received by Nov. 1)

#### Summer/Fall

Starts mid-July

Ends mid-December

(Applications must be received by March 31)

#### Fellowship

Starts mid-January

Ends mid-December

(Applications must be received by Nov. 1)

Applicants should send an email with attached cover letter, résumé, contact information for three references (phone and email), and three writing samples (plus multimedia samples, if applicable) to Associate Editor Brian Calvert at brian (at) [hcn.org](http://hcn.org). Please be sure to include "internship application" or "fellowship application" in the subject line.

If emailing an application is not an option, candidates may also mail their materials to:

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High Country News  
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Call 970-527-4898 or email [brianc@hcn.org](mailto:brianc@hcn.org) for further information.

For more information, log onto [www.sej.org](http://www.sej.org) .