

Call for Applications: Walton and Hurley Washington Program Journalism Scholarships

SPRING 2024 SEMESTER

Two scholarship programs are offering \$5,000 scholarships to assist journalism students spend the **Spring 2024** semester in Washington, D.C., as part of the Missouri School of Journalism Washington Program.

As participants in the Washington Program, students will work in a professional internship, attend weekly seminars with some of the nation's top journalists and communicators, and earn 12 hours of course credit. These scholarships, especially when combined with a paid internship, help offset the cost difference between a semester on campus in Columbia, Mo., and a semester in Washington, D.C.

Application deadlines:

- Walton Scholarship, \$5,000 for the Spring 2024 Washington Program – **October 6, 2023**
- Hurley Scholarship, \$5,000 for the Spring 2024 Washington Program – **October 6, 2023**

The ideal candidates: The Walton and Hurley scholarships are two separate scholarship programs, but both are looking to support student journalists who have a passion for news and who want to change the world through storytelling on any platform. Experience working for KOMU, KBIA, the Missourian, the statehouse reporting project or any other Mizzou newsroom is preferred. But mostly we're looking for candidates who have the skills and potential to make a difference as journalists.

Students can apply for both the Walton and Hurley scholarships. If selected by a faculty committee for one of these scholarships, to be eligible to receive the award the recipient must enroll in the Washington Program for the specified semester. A prerequisite for enrollment is the student must apply for and obtain a qualifying D.C. internship prior to the start of the semester (more details on this below). It is expected that you will still be in the process of applying for internships at the time you apply for these scholarships.

How to Apply: Marjorie and Sidney Walton Journalism Scholarships

A \$5,000 Walton scholarship is being offered for qualified students to attend the Spring 2024 semester Washington Program.

Who is eligible? Juniors, seniors and graduate* students who are interested in pursuing journalism career – on any platform -- that is focused on news, including topics ranging from government, politics and criminal justice to health, environment, education and equity issues.

Application deadlines:

- Walton Scholarship, \$5,000 for Spring 2024 Washington Program – October 6, 2023

How to apply: Please submit the following materials:

- Cover letter (maximum 600 words) that tells us what motivates you as a journalist and why you want to spend a semester in the Washington Program. Please specify the semester you are seeking to participate in the Washington Program.
- Resume
- Materials should be submitted to: Alison Young, Washington Program director and Curtis B. Hurley Chair in Public Affairs Reporting: alisonyoung@missouri.edu. **Subject line: Walton Scholarship (semester)**
- Before submitting an application, students are strongly encouraged to discuss their interest in a semester in D.C. with the J-School's Office of Global Programs or the Washington Program Director. Please see important information below.** Graduate students should discuss their interest in the Washington Program with an adviser in the graduate studies office before applying to ensure a semester in DC works with their academic plan and financial aid package.

How to Apply: Curtis B. Hurley Washington Public Affairs Journalism Scholarships

Up to two \$5,000 Hurley scholarships will be awarded for students to attend the Spring 2024 Washington Program.

Who is eligible? Juniors and seniors, especially those with financial need*, who are interested in public affairs journalism, including investigative journalism, government reporting or any kind of storytelling on any platform that seeks to hold powerful people and institutions of all types accountable. (*As determined by the Office of Financial Aid)

Application deadline:

- Hurley Scholarships, \$5,000 for Spring 2024 Washington Program – **October 6, 2023**

How to apply: Please submit the following materials:

- Cover letter (maximum 600 words) that tells us what motivates you as a journalist and why you want to spend a semester in the Washington Program.
- Resume
- Materials should be submitted to: Alison Young, Washington Program director and Curtis B. Hurley Chair in Public Affairs Reporting: alisonyoung@missouri.edu. **Subject line: Hurley Scholarship**
- Before submitting an application, students are strongly encouraged to discuss their interest in a semester in D.C. with the J-School's Office of Global Programs or the Washington Program Director. Please see important information below.**
- These scholarships are a program of the Curtis B. Hurley Chair in Public Affairs Journalism, which was created in 1998 with a gift from the Edgar A. McLaughlin and Lucile T. McLaughlin Trust to honor Mr. McLaughlin's former mentor. Curtis B. Hurley was an Arkansas editor who attended the University of Missouri with the intention of entering the journalism school, but left to go to war and did not graduate. Hurley gave McLaughlin his first job at a daily newspaper in 1925, encouraged McLaughlin to study at Mizzou and lent him the \$400 it cost to attend the university at that time. As the Hurley Chair, Alison Young works to promote investigative and accountability journalism that reports on the performance of public officials.

****Other important information:** For more than 50 years, the Missouri School of Journalism Washington Program has offered students the opportunity to spend a semester working and learning in the nation's capital. You can read more details about the program [here](#).

- Students, with coaching from the Washington Program, need to apply for and obtain a journalism internship in the Washington, D.C., metro area for the scholarship's specified semester. Internship application deadlines vary. Internship hiring is underway now. It is important to simultaneously start applying for internships as you are applying for these scholarship – and we will help you do that.
- To apply for these scholarships, you don't yet have to have secured an internship. However, if selected for a scholarship, to be eligible to receive the award the recipient must enroll in the Washington Program for the specified semester and a prerequisite for enrollment is obtaining a qualifying internship.
- You are strongly encouraged to set up a time to talk by Zoom with Washington Program director Alison Young as soon as possible to help you refine your resume/cover letter and develop a strategy for your Washington internship search. Email her at alisonyoung@missouri.edu. For a list of organizations that have a history of offering internships in Washington, D.C., check out this [great Washington Program resource](#) and [sign up](#) to receive an email newsletter highlighting D.C. internship openings.
- Scholarship applicants also are encouraged to set up an appointment with staff in the [Journalism School's Office of Global Programs](#) to discuss program costs, finances, create a draft budget for a semester in Washington and learn how your existing student financial aid can be used while you are in the program. You can read more details about costs of the Washington Program [here](#).
- Be sure to talk with your academic advisor about whether a semester in Washington works with your academic plan.