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Pelican Magazine | Science and

Technology Editor

Position Description

Pelican is the second oldest student newspaper in Australia. Everyone has an iPhone, everyone is worried their Finance degrees will be replaced by robots and they should have studied arts, everyone is sad about the decline of the Great Barrier Reef even if they don't know it yet. Advances in science and technology in some way impact the lives of students; whether they be made at an International, National, State, Local or Guild level. It is vital *Pelican* covers what is happening in the science and technology space globally and locally in a reliable, balanced and consistent way both online and in our print issues.

We are looking for someone who lives and breathes science to be our 2018 Science and Technology Editor. We want someone who is highly organized and able to meet hard deadlines, who can produce written content to an exceptionally high quality and who can dedicate a minimum of six hours per week to *Pelican*. We need you to be a team player and a leader with innovative ideas to creating content across print, online and social platforms. If you have an idea for a podcast or You tube series, we might melt a little. Ideally, you would have written for *Pelican* or science journals before and you have ideas about how to do science reporting differently, although this isn't essential (while a keep up *is* essential). Above all, we need you to be upfront, up to date with science, read regularly and widely, consume a variety of different media. Passion for *Pelican* won't go astray as well as a commitment to producing high quality student journalism is very desirable. You also need to invite ten of your friends to like the *Pelican* Facebook page.

Purpose of Position

The purpose of a section editor is to manage a particular interest area for the Magazine through creation and facilitation of content. The Science and Technology Editor is in charge of the entirety of the Science and Technology section of the magazine – from breaking International news to fascinating studies to research happening at UWA or even writing lists of things learnt at a Science Union Quiz Night. This role is huge, so we are hoping to have you manage a team of science reporters. We are open to ideas as to how you see the structure and management of the position working best.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Consistently create Science or Technology content across a variety of mediums
 - Producing at least three articles a week for online, whether this be individually or sourcing from the Science/Technology Reporting team.
 - Responsible for a four page spread in the print issue – there will be six print issues in 2018. Again, responsible for writing, sourcing and coordinating content from Science/Technology team and wider contributors.
 - Assist Executive Editors in commissioning and sourcing content across new mediums – please write an article in the style of a lab report or in binary.
- Managing relationships with partners and organizations – this could look like working with Science academics at UWA, the UWA Science Union, reviewing Scitech exhibitions or asking for regularly updates from the Chief Scientist of WA.
- Managing Science/Technology team (or the portfolio in a way that suits you)
 - Design and implement incentive structures (competitions/rewards) for new and current contributors to be involved with writing content for the Science/Technology section. Ensure there is a diversity of contributors and ideas.
- Co-editing works by content creators in association with the Executive Editors

- Assist Executive editors as requested and required
- Attend editorial meetings, reply to emails in a timely fashion
- Prioritize self-care and downtime, to ensure that work with *Pelican* is of the highest standard possible and something you are proud to put on your resume

Duties to the UWA Guild

- Commitment to Guild regulations
- Commitment to Pelican publication regulations in accordance with our editorial policy.
- Take reasonable care for your own health and safety and for the health and safety of others

Timeline

- Monday, 4 December: Applications open
- Monday, 18 December: Applications close
- Tuesday, 19 December – Thursday 21 December: Phone/Skype interviews
- Friday, 22 December: Positions publically announced

To Apply

Please fill out this application form – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2BRMLK2>

It should take you an hour. This is because we have a fetish for online forms. It's also because we want you to take this application seriously and to be honest with yourself about what you have on next year and whether you have the time to consistently contribute to Pelican. It's also a chance to pitch us ideas, show us some of your writing and tell us a bit about yourself. We love oversharing, so the more information you can give us, the better.

Questions

Don't be strangers! Email pelican@guild.uwa.edu.au or feel free to message Josh or Katie on Facebook.