



**UWA STUDENT GUILD**  
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## **Pelican Magazine | Science Editor Position Description**

*Pelican* is the second oldest student newspaper in Australia. Everything is made of atoms, everyone is concerned about the global 'superbug' crisis and the world is sad about the decline of the Great Barrier Reef, even if they don't know it yet. Advances in science 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 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 2019 Science Editor. We want someone who is highly organised 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 Youtube series, we might melt a little. Ideally, you would have written for *Pelican* or science journals before, study a Bachelor in science and have ideas about how to do science reporting differently, although this isn't essential (while a keep cup *is* essential). You need to be able to communicate complex scientific breakthroughs in interesting ways to the average Joe. Above all, we need you to be upfront, up to date with science, read regularly and widely, consume a variety of different media and be passionate about the magazine and committed to producing high-quality student journalism. 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 Editor is in charge of the entirety of the Science section of the magazine – from breaking International news to fascinating studies, research happening at UWA to 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 2019. Again, responsible for writing, sourcing and coordinating content from Science 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, sourcing writers from the UWA Science Union, reviewing Scitech exhibitions or asking for the latest breakthroughs from the Chief Scientist of WA.
- Managing the Science team (or the portfolio in a way that suits you)
  - Design and implement incentive structures (media passes/rewards) for new and current contributors to be involved with writing content for the Science 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**

- Saturday, 1 December: Applications open
- Sunday, 9 December 5 pm: Applications close
- 11th- 12th of December: Interviews

### **To Apply**

Please fill out this application form – [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-RGIBRQ0ix1VtRhVbMC9P9cwbKcGspntdlb78\\_hu6lszUAQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-RGIBRQ0ix1VtRhVbMC9P9cwbKcGspntdlb78_hu6lszUAQ/viewform)

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](mailto:pelican@guild.uwa.edu.au) or feel free to message Pelican on Facebook.