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Pelican Magazine | Politics Editor
Position Description

Pelican is the second oldest student newspaper in Australia. Political decisions 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 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 politics to be our 2018 Politics 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 honestly dedicate time 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 political journals before and you have ideas about how to do political 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 politics, 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 Politics Editor is in charge of the entirety of the Politics section of the magazine – from International, National, State, Local and Guild Politics. This role is huge, so we are hoping to have you manage a team of political 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 political content across a variety of mediums
    - Producing at least one article a week for online, whether this be individually or sourcing from the Politics Reporting team.
    - Responsible for a spread in the print issue – there will be six print issues in 2018. Again, responsible for writing, sourcing and coordinating content from Politics team and wider contributors.
    - Assist Executive Editors in commissioning and sourcing content across new mediums – such as satirical videos, podcasts, memes, cartoons, zines.
- Managing relationships with partners and organizations – this could look like working with Politics academics at UWA, think tanks, the Guild or the UWA Politics Club.
- Managing Politics team (or the portfolio in a way that suits you, but please find us a political cartoonist)
    - Design and implement incentive structures (competitions/rewards) for new and current contributors to be involved with writing content for the Politics section. Ensure there is a diversity of contributors and ideas.
- Manage and report on the UWA Student Guild Elections
- Have positive relationships with the UWA Student Guild Councillors
- 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
- Attend Guild Council Meetings, or organize a member of the Politics team to attend and report on meetings. Actively report on and engage in Guild Politics or work with the Campus News Editor to do this.
- 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 5pm: Applications close
- 11th- 12th of December: Interviews

To Apply

Please fill out this application form – https://goo.gl/forms/aMReSX0nBG5oOULQ2

It should take you an hour. This is because we have a fettish 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 Sophie on Facebook.