Science & Tech Editor
The Fulcrum

The Fulcrum is the University of Ottawa’s independent English-language student news outlet, now publishing exclusively online. Since 1942, we’ve provided the university with quality news and its students with invaluable opportunities for learning and growth. We’re a dynamic workplace located on campus, led by a small but mighty team.

We’re looking for a Science & Tech Editor to join our team for the 2021-22 publication year. The Science & Tech Editor will work in close conjunction with the Editor-in-Chief and the Managing Editor and hold one of 14 positions on the Fulcrum’s editorial board. This position runs from Aug. 30 to April 3, 2022.

Remuneration: $15.30 hour, 20 hours per week

Main responsibilities...

- Solicits contributors to the science & tech section, producing three to four science and tech stories per week with the help of staff writers, contributors and freelancers.
- Edits all content for the science & tech section for structure, grammar, spelling, and style.
- Assigns articles to contributors and staff writers, ensuring weekly deadlines are met.
- Coordinates graphic and/or photography assignments with the multimedia director.
- Holds at least two office hours per publishing week, outside of production duties. Office hours must be scheduled during regular business hours.
- Must be available on production day.
- Responsible for uploading all science and tech content to WordPress each week.

Other duties…

- Responsible for working with the editor-in-chief and the online editor to develop a strategy that integrates the science and tech section with the website, including but not limited to social media use, video content, liveblogging, podcasting, and alternative story forms.
• Attends all staff, volunteer and Editorial Board meetings weekly unless excused by the Editor-in-Chief. Encourages contributors to attend weekly volunteer meetings.

• Educates (through seminars, workshops, guest speakers, one-on-one training, etc.) all interested staff in all aspects of the section. Writes an end of term transition report.

Application requirements...

Deadline to apply is June 11. Please submit a resume, cover letter, platform of your vision for the section, and two unedited writing samples that showcase your ability to write science & tech content to editor@thefulcrum.ca.

Applicants who submit a complete and competitive application will be invited to partake in a two-part test which will test them on basic science and tech knowledge as well as their editing skills. Applicants must receive 50 per cent or higher on each test in order to be considered for an interview.

Due to the nature of the position, the successful applicant will be required to live in Ottawa from the start of their term to the end to attend possible in-person events.

The Fulcrum is an equal opportunity employer and accommodations are available for applicants during the hiring process.