



OPINION EDITOR

POSITION SUMMARY

Reporting to the Publications Coordinator and Editor-in-Chief, this position's focus is coordinating content for the opinion section of the Weal. The Opinion Editor is expected to follow campus and off-campus news, ideas and events that are of interest and/or relevance to the SAIT community, aggregating student opinion and voice into the opinion section.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Ensure Publications Coordinator and Editor-in-Chief are provided with high-quality content necessary to publish a superior opinions section in the Weal that appeals to our diverse audience.
2. Provide guidance, mentorship and feedback to staff writers and volunteers.
3. Meet all deadlines as determined by the Publications Coordinator and Editor-in-Chief.
4. Contribute hours on a part-time weekly basis in the execution of duties.

DUTIES

The Opinion Editor shall:

1. Plan the opinion section with a clear focus on the audience and purpose of the Weal.
2. Attend weekly pitch meetings. The editor will come prepared with three story ideas and suggestions.
3. The editor will offer feedback for and on content in other sections of the magazine.
4. Write at least two feature stories for the section each issue.
5. Assign stories to writers using story planners. Completed story planners are due 24 hours after pitch meeting to the Publications Coordinator and Editor-in-Chief. They should be submitted via email.
6. Offer guidance and feedback on volunteers' work.
7. Edit the work of writers before submitting to the Publications Editor and Editor-in-Chief and facilitate necessary changes before publication.
8. Submit content (your stories and the stories of volunteer writers) to the Publications Editor and Editor-in-Chief.
9. Complete written requests for photography required in the section and submit them to the photo editors at least 48 hours in advance of the event.
10. Proofread all sections of the Weal on production days and provide final approval for print.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

Reports to: Publications Coordinator, Editor-in-Chief

Supervises: Volunteer Writers

QUALIFICATIONS

- Currently enrolled in SAIT program.
- Responsible, mature, and dependable.
- Interest in opinion style writing.
- Good knowledge of CP style, copy-editing, and journalism mechanics.
- Ability to find content and follow stories through to completion, maintaining a narrative.
- Ability to find untold stories or unique perspectives relating to campus interests.
- Ability to accept and give feedback.
- Strong understanding of our audience, their needs, interests, and desires.
- Ability to manage and train volunteers and writers.
- Excellent problem-solving skills.

APPLICATION

Applicants are to email their cover letter and resume to theweal@gmail.com with the subject-line "Weal Opinion Editor 2019- 2020" by Feb. 15, 2019.