



POSITION AVAILABLE

WQED “Lead With Music” Paid Fellowship

Six-month program mentors diverse youth in video/radio production

About the Project

WQED is seeking applicants for this unique fellowship opportunity during which post high school aged youth between the ages of 18-25 are provided invaluable on the job experience from mentors at the nation’s first community-sponsored public broadcaster. The initiative centers around diversity career development in media production and the arts, with a focus on classical music.

Through an application process, WQED will invite 2 fellows to participate in the six-month training program. Those accepted will be mentored by professionals at the station’s all classical radio station WQED-FM, by the station’s TV and digital video production team, with additional guidance on community distribution of content by WQED’s Education team.

Fellows would also be encouraged to contribute new ideas and strategies, including shining a spotlight on diverse and/or under-represented artists in the Pittsburgh region.

Each fellow will be paid \$15.00 an hour, working 20 hours a week over a six-month period beginning Monday June 20, 2022, and ending Friday December 16, 2022.

Media Experience Opportunities

WQED-FM

The Fellows will work with radio station staff to learn and assist with station programming and production, with a special focus on diverse artists and arts organizations. Other work will include conducting and editing interviews for broadcast and podcast; assisting with writing and editing of scripts, recording spots for station promotions and other voiceover needs; assisting with field recordings and live remotes; preparing arts information for broadcast and web; social media postings; and assisting in other departmental activities, as needed.

WQED Digital Video Production

The Fellows will work with TV and digital video production professionals to learn processes from planning and recording, to editing and distribution, including social media. A key component of the

program is that each Fellow will research, plan, and produce an episode of the station's Emmy® Award winning WQED Sessions, a digital series showcasing Pittsburgh area musicians.

WQED Education

The Fellows would also work on a limited basis with the WQED Education team, focusing on initiatives that support music education in under-resourced communities. The Fellows will assist with and learn about strategic planning, educator professional development, and community engagement.

Requirements

- Fellows must demonstrate an interest and capacity to grow into media production professionals.
- An interest in music or classical music is recommended.
- Fellows must agree in advance to work the required six-month schedule and number of hours per week as assigned.
- Schedule will include a mix of regular business hours on site at WQED, at various community locations, and may include the occasional evening or weekend.
- Fellow must maintain close communication with project supervisor through all aspects of the fellowship.
- Some editing, filming, writing and/or radio broadcast experience is suggested but not required.
- Fellowship is open to post-high school applicants ages 18-25.
- High school diploma or GED equivalent is required on or before July 1, 2022.
- Fellow must be able to provide their own transportation to WQED - but may be able to travel with staff from the station to on-location filming or event sites as needed.
- COVID-19 vaccination and recommended booster vaccines are required.

Candidates should send **a resume and cover letter** to careers@wqed.org. **No Phone Calls Please.**

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