APPLIED STUDIES JOB POSTING
Reporter/Writer

Employer: The Meliorist Publishing Society

Employer Contact: Business Manager & Editor-in-Chief
hiring@themeliorist.ca

Student Job Title: Reporter/Writer (Applied Studies)

Job Location: Hybrid role
University of Lethbridge Campus & Remote
Student Union Building, Room SU172
4401 University Drive W.
Lethbridge, AB T1K 3M4

Semester and Year: Fall 2026

Majors: Open to all majors, with preference given to students majoring in Journalism, English, Communications, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, History, Indigenous Studies, Public Relations, General Social Sciences, General Humanities, or related disciplines.

Salary/Honorarium: Students who successfully complete the Applied Studies placement will receive an honorarium equal to the tuition cost of their Applied Studies course. This honorarium aims to reduce financial barriers to experiential learning while recognizing the valuable contributions students make throughout their placement.

About The Role: The Reporter/Writer plays a key role in producing original campus news reports and compelling written content for *The Meliorist*. Working closely with the Editor-in-Chief, the student will research, interview, write, and revise articles covering topics relevant to University of Lethbridge students and the broader community.

This placement provides hands-on experience in journalism, interviewing, research, feature writing, news reporting, editorial processes, and digital publishing while offering opportunities to build a professional writing portfolio with published work.

Duties:

- Research, pitch, and write original news stories, feature articles, and other editorial content.
- Conduct interviews with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members.
- Gather and verify information through research, fact-checking, and responsible sourcing.
- Revise articles based on editorial feedback while meeting publication deadlines.
- Attend campus and community events to report on newsworthy stories when appropriate.
- Collaborate with editors, photographers, illustrators, and social media staff throughout the publication process.
- Contribute ideas for future coverage and participate in editorial planning meetings.
- Uphold journalistic ethics, editorial standards, and The Meliorist's commitment to accuracy, fairness, and editorial independence.

- Assist with preparing articles for publication on The Meliorist website and other platforms.
- Present accomplishments, published work, and learning outcomes at the conclusion of the placement.

Hours: Minimum of 120 hours over approximately 12 consecutive weeks (approximately 10 hours per week).

Qualifications: Preference will be given to students with an interest in journalism, writing, communications, research, storytelling, public affairs, or nonprofit media. Students should be curious, dependable, organized, and passionate about producing accurate, engaging, and impactful stories.

Skills/Competencies:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Strong research and interviewing abilities
- News, feature, and creative writing skills
- Critical thinking and sound editorial judgment
- Fact-checking and attention to detail
- Organization and time management
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Ability to accept and incorporate editorial feedback
- Familiarity with journalistic ethics and responsible sourcing (asset)
- Experience with Google Workspace and Microsoft Office
- Familiarity with WordPress, Adobe Creative Suite, or Canva (asset)

How to Apply: Interested applicants should submit a resume, cover letter, and writing sample by email to **hiring@themeliorist.ca**

Job Application Deadline: Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and the position may be filled once suitable candidate(s) have been identified. Interested applicants are therefore encouraged to apply as early as possible. The final deadline to apply is **September 10, 2026**.

Setting up your Applied Studies course

For more information on Applied Studies course requirements and application procedures, please visit:

https://www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge/applied-studies

Contact the Applied Studies office immediately after securing a position to begin the registration process for your Applied Studies course.

Email: applied.studies@uleth.ca