

Happenstance Reporting Interns Wanted!

Work Location: 1871 (222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, #1212) / various reporting locations in River North, Streeterville and the Gold Coast

Company Information: Happenstance is an early-stage startup company based in Chicago. We're a mobile app that aims to change local journalism as we know it – by spontaneously delivering obscure audio stories about the people and places in the city directly to users as they go about their daily routines.

We're not a tour. We're not a news app. We're the new form of timeless audio journalism.

Position Description: Are you an aspiring journalist who loves human interest stories? Are you passionate about visiting new places and learning fun, unique things about people? If so, apply for our summer reporting internship!

Reporting interns will be expected to pitch story ideas, conduct in-person interviews with various "everyday experts" in River North, Streeterville and the Gold Coast (from small business owners to museum directors to sommeliers) as well as write and edit story scripts. They will be expected to complete at least one story per week with close supervision from Happenstance's managing editor.

Interns will also have the opportunity to take photos at each reporting site, contribute blog posts for our website (<http://happenstanceapp.com/>) and collaborate with our marketing manager on social teasers for their stories. They could also have the opportunity to become regular freelance reporters for Happenstance upon completion of the internship.

This internship is a great way to add clips to your portfolio, work with experienced journalists and help get a new Chicago startup off of the ground and established within the Chicago community!

Additional Perks: Through our membership with 1871, the city's tech hub, you will have the opportunity to work alongside of and network with other entrepreneurs who are creating amazing things. Other opportunities include monthly networking events with the River North Business Association and monthly lunches/dinners with the Happenstance team.

Hours: Interns will be expected to work 18-20 hours per week and complete at least one story.

Compensation: To be discussed

Desired Major: Journalism

Qualifications: Candidates must be pursuing a career in journalism, have basic audio production skills and possess their own laptop and audio editing software. An interest in audio journalism is highly preferred. A car and professional audio recorder, such as a Zoom H5 Handy Recorder, are ideal but not required.

Deadline to Apply: May 15

How and to Whom to Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume and 2-3 sample audio clips to managing editor Stephanie Choporis: stephanie@happenstanceapp.com.