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# Community Radio Journalist – Job Posting - LJI-2023/2024

CJSF is a campus/community radio station located at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, BC. CJSF is volunteer-run, grassroots station that provides music, public affairs, informational and cultural programming on issues and viewpoints which are underrepresented in mainstream media.

CJSF works in the interests of people, not profit and serves both the SFU campus and the surrounding off-campus community. The station broadcast at 90.1FM at 450 watts allowing it to reach most of the Greater Vancouver region. It also live streams it broadcast via the internet at <a href="https://www.cjsf.ca">www.cjsf.ca</a>. Most programming is also available as podcasts.

## **Description of the LJI program**

It's local and hyperlocal journalism.

The Local Journalism Initiative (LJI) program was launched by the Community Radio Fund of Canada and funded by the Government of Canada. The program is focusing on diverse, local communities that may be underserved in the Canadian news landscape. The goal is to increase the production of community and civic news in those areas and to make that news more accessible across the country. We're elevating original, local community news.

The Local Journalism Initiative is a national program and the Community Radio Journalist will be working with the support of a team of National Editors and other staff at CJSF Radio.

Specifically, this position will focus on building relationships and gathering local stories in and about communities outside the Vancouver core that are often under-reported by regional media. These stories can include coverage of local government, regional issues, First Nations and community organizations and events. The provincial election in October provides an opportunity to engage the local community to discover and report on relevant issues as they pertain to individual locales beyond greater Vancouver.

#### **Description of the journalist position**

- Title: Community Radio Journalist Term: 7 month (30 weeks) contract position
- Salary: \$4250/month
- 35 hours per week
- Expected working hours: Station hours Monday-Friday 10am-5pm with flexibility to accommodate field reporting with some evening and weekend hours as needed to cover stories
- Ideal Start Date: September 3, 2024 (ends March 31, 2025)



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- Hold a degree or diploma in Journalism, Communications or Arts from an accredited academic or technical institution OR have equivalent experience in broadcast, print/digital journalism or writing (minimum 5 years of journalistic/radio experience).
- Excellent radio, interview and communication skills
- Excellent writing skills and research. You love storytelling–from the initial pitch to the publication
- Have a strong understanding of the functions and workings of local government
- Strong people skills: You are a great listener, speaker and interviewer
- Deadline-driven and have an eye for detail
- Knowledge of community and regional concerns or news and a passion for local journalism
- Strong skills in both a team setting and with independent work.
- Ability to self-start, initiate outreach and build relationships with contacts in the community,
- Audio production skills and understanding of the community radio environment
- Critical thinking and ability to analyze issues and to remain impartial
- Social media savvy, for both posting and research purposes

#### Other qualifications/requirements

- Appreciate sensitive and complex issues and differing perspectives with inclusion and through an anti-oppression lens.
- Desire to drive news and interest in reporting on a range of topics which include, but are not limited to, coverage of local government and civic issues, regional issues, First Nations, community organizations & events and stories on the margins Attend editorial meetings with station and LJI coordinators as needed.

We're looking for a dynamic, determined journalist who cares about local, community and civic journalism.

If that sounds like you, please apply to **cjsfmgr@sfu.ca** with a cover letter describing why you want to work at the station, a current resume and a few examples of your work. Please put "**CJSF LJI Journalist Application**" in the subject line.

#### Applications open until the position is filled.

CJSF 90.1FM Radio encourages applications from a diverse range of candidates, including (but not limited to) women, BIPOC individuals, those who identify as LGBTQ+, and people living with disabilities.

Thank you to everyone for your interest in the LJI program. Unfortunately, we can't respond to all applicants. Only those candidates under consideration will be contacted. This position is funded by the Community Radio Fund of Canada and the Government of Canada's Local Journalism Initiative.



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