

# NC Local News Intern Corps: FAQ

## What is the NC Local News Intern Corps?

The corps is the first initiative of the new [NC Local News Workshop](#), a nonpartisan support base and resource center for North Carolina local news and information, based at Elon University's School of Communications with funding from the NC Local News Lab Fund.

## When does it begin?

Interns will begin work the week of June 8 and will continue through July 31

## What is the Intern Corps' purpose?

The Intern Corps addresses two immediate needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic: Professional experience for student journalists, some of whom lost internship and job opportunities, and the demand for more news capacity to meet North Carolina residents' needs for high-quality, timely local news and information.

## Who's in the Intern Corps?

The Corps includes four journalists, three of whom are recent graduates or MA degree earners, and a supervising editor. Find out more [here](#).

## What will the Corps cover?

Corps interns will cover a variety of short- to medium-term enterprise stories, many related to the COVID-19 crisis but also exploring other topics affecting North Carolina residents. They'll look to supplement, not duplicate, what other newsrooms are producing, with special attention to stories that otherwise would be missed and on creative approaches.

## How will stories be assigned?

Susan Ladd will be the interns' assignment editor and supervising editor; she will edit their work, sometimes in collaboration with editors in specific newsrooms that request or co-report stories. Stories will come from the interns, from Susan, and from suggestions and requests from news organizations. Susan will aim to make the best choices day to day and week to week.

## How will we know what's coming?

Susan will maintain a budget in Google Docs and email weekly updates and alerts to those who sign up; if you'd like to be on this list, email [Susan](#)

**How will material be distributed?**

The Intern Corps will post material to a Dropbox folder and share links via email and a Google document.

**What kind of content will interns produce?:**

The great part of content will be text stories for web or print publication; interns also will produce multimedia content and social media collateral for their work.

**What are the publishing rules? Can I edit content? Does it cost anything?**

The content is free for you to publish, and to edit lightly, but you have to credit us in the byline and a tagline and follow these [publishing guidelines](#).

**You mentioned Spanish-language content: Will stories be available in both English and Spanish?**

Two of our interns can report and interview in Spanish, which will expand our capacity for finding important stories, and one can write for publication in both languages; we will evaluate on a story-by-story basis and work with outlets serving Spanish-dominant households to serve these North Carolina audiences.

**How can I suggest a story or request help from an intern?**

Contact Susan Ladd by email or phone, [sladd2@elon.edu](mailto:sladd2@elon.edu) or 336-317-6474.

**What if we want an intern's help on a story one of our reporters is pursuing?**

We welcome these opportunities; contact Susan, who will work with editors on logistics.

**Will everyone get stories at the same time?**

Susan will notify those who are on the list via email when material is ready and share the Dropbox links. We are likely to start a Slack channel, which you can also choose to join.

**What if a story originated with my publication and involves our staff?**

In those cases, the originating publication will publish the material first, and it will be available to others afterward.