

Job Title: What Is True? Producer (Student Worker)

Location: Roy Howard Community Journalism Center, The University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg Campus)

Position Type: Part-Time (20 hours per week, flexible scheduling)

About the Role

The Roy Howard Community Journalism Center is seeking a What Is True? Producer to create compelling, trustworthy content for our “What Is True?” fact-checking service. This role is ideal for students passionate about truth-seeking, research, and multimedia storytelling. As a What Is True? Producer, you’ll help combat misinformation by investigating community-submitted leads, writing fact-checking reports, and producing video and audio explainers.

Key Responsibilities

- Research tips and leads submitted to the What Is True? hotline and inbox.
- Investigate and verify claims using credible sources and rigorous fact-checking methods.
- Write clear, concise, and accessible fact-checking reports for the public.
- Produce video and audio versions of reports, optimized for social media and web.
- Collaborate with the editorial team to identify trends, angles, and best practices for misinformation coverage.
- Ensure transparency and source attribution in all reporting.
- Help engage the public by explaining the fact-checking process and encouraging submissions.

What We’re Looking For

- Strong research, critical thinking, and writing skills
- Curiosity and commitment to accuracy, fairness, and transparency
- Basic experience with video/audio editing tools like Adobe Premiere Pro and Audition (or willingness to learn)
- Interest in journalism, media literacy, or misinformation research
- Ability to communicate complex information in a clear, engaging way
- Strong attention to detail and a healthy skepticism for viral content

Benefits of This Role

- Gain experience in investigative and accountability journalism.
- Learn fact-checking techniques used by professional journalists and watchdogs.
- Build a multimedia portfolio with impactful public service content.
- Be part of a unique effort to promote truth and transparency in your community.

How to Apply

- Interested students should apply at www.rhcjcnews.com/jobs.

- We encourage students from all majors and backgrounds to apply. You don't need to be an expert — just someone who asks good questions and wants to help people get honest answers.