

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 looking for a What Is True? Producer to coordinate our fact-checking initiative. This role is perfect for students who are curious, detail-oriented, and passionate about media literacy and public trust. As a What Is True? Producer, you will work closely with graduate researchers and the Community Liaison to investigate claims of false and misleading information and turn those investigations into written, audio, and video reports. You will also coordinate weekly team meetings, track pitch submissions, and contribute to public outreach and multimedia content, including media literacy materials and podcast segments.

Key Responsibilities

- Research claims submitted to the What Is True? hotline and produce fact-checking reports in collaboration with the Community Liaison. Reports may include written, audio, and video components.
- Work with graduate researchers to support their investigations of false and misleading information, serving as a resource as they develop their own reports.
- Track weekly pitch submissions and maintain the What Is True? story log.
- Coordinate the weekly What Is True? staff meeting.
- Contribute to multimedia content, including media literacy materials and center podcast segments.
- Assist with public outreach by planning and participating in Ask Me What Is True? media literacy presentations.

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.