



CALL FOR VISUALS EDITOR

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The Pylon, Virginia Tech and Blacksburg's newest source of investigative and longform journalism, informed commentaries, and submission-based creative works, is searching for a qualified candidate to take on the role of Visuals editor.

The Visuals section contributes all art, imagery, and design for *The Pylon*. Staff for the Visuals section includes photographers, artists, illustrators, and designers. The Visuals staff contributes original art for articles published on *The Pylon*, but the creation of visual-only articles is also encouraged (e.g. creating a photo essay or an editorial cartoon).

Functions of the Visuals editor

- The Visuals editor reports to the managing editor and editor-in-chief and is responsible for overseeing the Visuals section and leading a staff of photographers, artists, illustrators, and designers.
- The editor is expected to attend every budget meeting, go to write-ins frequently, work with the editorial sections to coordinate article art, to be a mentor for staffers, and to promote *Pylon* content on social media.
- The editor is expected to set appropriate deadlines for their staff and to meet deadlines and respond to email and Slack messages in a timely fashion.
- The editor must treat colleagues and sources with respect and act ethically at all times.
- In addition, the Visuals editor is expected to complete all trainings hosted by *The Pylon* and to seek additional photography, art, illustration, and design training when possible, potentially through classes, workshops, conferences, or even books.

Desired qualities and qualifications

- Is creative and design-minded
- Thinks critically and ethically
- Can work closely with editorial staff and enjoys constructive feedback
- Should have demonstrated photography, art, illustration, and/or design experience
- Should have a strong desire to grow and learn as an editor
- Previous editing or publication experience a plus
- Availability for ~10 hours per week, with regular mandatory meetings

All people living in or near Blacksburg are encouraged to apply (student or not).

Note—the position is unpaid.

What do we have to offer?

- Journalism experience with a dynamic startup
- Professional letters of recommendation
- Significant opportunities to grow and learn as a(n) photographer/artist/illustrator/designer at a professional publication
- Extensive training and professional development opportunities

To apply, please email editor@thepylon.org with a resume and a subject line of “VISUALS EDITOR.” The body of the email constitutes an informal cover letter.

Questions? Send them to our recruitment manager, Alec Masella (alec11@vt.edu), or send a direct message to our official pages on Twitter (twitter.com/thepylonorg) or Facebook (facebook.com/thepylonorg).

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