University of Idaho

College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences

James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research School of Journalism and Mass Media Legislative Internships

Term: Spring semester 2021 (approximately 12 weeks, early January through the end of the 2021 legislative session)

Location: Boise, Idaho

Credit: Up to 9 credits

The McClure Center and School of Journalism and Mass Media will offer two legislative internship positions for CLASS students interested in reporting on government and public issues. Interns will be based in Boise while the Idaho legislature is in session.

Responsibilities

1. Writing news stories for publication by selected newspapers in rural Idaho (e.g.

Idaho County Free Press, Owyhee Avalanche, and Bonner County Daily Bee).

2. Providing stories and news content (audio, video, photography) to Idaho Public Radio.

3. Attending committee meetings; interviewing lawmakers and newsmakers; attending press conferences; covering events at the Idaho State Capitol.

4. Attending other events related to the state legislature and the media.

5. Attending educational events as arranged by the McClure Center.

Required Qualifications:

- 1. Undergraduate CLASS major at the University of Idaho, at least junior standing.
- 2. Ability to produce a variety of news stories on deadline for various media platforms.

Desired Qualifications:

- 1. Completion of JAMM 327: Reporting II or JAMM 322: Broadcast News.
- 2. Student media experience at UI or elsewhere.
- 3. Demonstrated professional writing experience.
- 4. Knowledge of Idaho history and politics.

Application Procedure: Submit a letter of application, resume and contact information for three references to Glenn Mosley, <u>gmosley@uidaho.edu</u>. Consideration of applications will continue until the internship is filled.

Sponsor Descriptions:

With a focus on critical issues facing Idaho and the nation, the McClure Center conducts nonpartisan public policy research; informs public policy dialogue; and engages UI students in learning about public policy making. The University of Idaho School of Journalism and Mass Media (JAMM) combines hands-on professional programs with a liberal arts approach to the study of mass media.