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Political Matters Journalism Internship program selects students

Two Carleton University students have been chosen as the first interns funded by the Political Matters Journalism Internship program.

Rachel Emmanuel and **Christian Paas-Lang** will report for *The Globe and Mail* and The Canadian Press, respectively.

Ms. Emmanuel is a fourth-year student journalism student with a double minor English and Political Science. She has previous experience with the *St. Catharines Standard*, as well as freelancing for iPoliticsINTEL. Mr. Paas-Lang is a student in Carleton's master of journalism program. He has previous experience with *the Globe and Mail*, the *Ottawa Citizen*, the *North Bay Nugget*, and *iPoliticsINTEL*.

The two young reporters will receive an honourarium of \$10,000 and be mentored by senior reporters in the respective bureaus. In years to come, the program will have three internship slots.

"The training, teaching and development of Canadian journalists has been a core element of CP's mission virtually since the national news agency's inception more than 100 years ago," **James McCarten**, the wire agency's acting Ottawa bureau chief, said in a press release. "We're delighted to be playing a role in the Political Matters program, and can't wait to see the important contributions that Christian and Rachel are going to make to Canada's national political discourse."

Funding for the program was supported by the Political Party, which was hosted on Sept. 21 at the Black Sheep Inn in Wakefield, Que.

The program's steering committee is made up of current and former veteran Hill reporters and communications gurus, such as *Policy Options'* **Jennifer Ditchburn**, *Toronto Star's* **Susan Delacourt**, retired CBC anchor **Peter Mansbridge**, Abacus Data's **Bruce Anderson** and his wife **Nancy Jamieson**, Carlton University journalism program head **Susan Harada**, and former Hill journalist and media relations consultant **Bill Fox**.



Christian Paas-Lang, left, will be interning in the Canadian Press' Ottawa bureau, and Rachel Emmanuel, right, will be joining *The Globe and Mail's* newsroom. Photographs courtesy of Christian Paas-Lang and Timothy Austen

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