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**Parliamentary Bureau Internships for Aspiring Political Journalists Announced**

A new internship program has been created to allow journalism students and student journalists to spend a summer honing their political reporting skills on Parliament Hill.

The Political Matters Journalism Internship will fund two placements for the summer of 2019 — during the run-up to the 2019 federal election — with major news organizations on Parliament Hill. The program will be expanded to three placements in subsequent summers.

The Political Matters Journalism Internship program is inviting applications from:

- Canadian citizens and landed immigrants enrolled in journalism programs at Canadian universities, community colleges, and polytechnical institutions;
- Canadian citizens and landed immigrants working at independent student-run newspapers, digital publications or broadcast outlets on Canadian campuses;
- Canadian citizens enrolled in journalism programs abroad.

Bilingualism is an asset.

Interns selected will be paid for their work.

A link below sets out the process for interested applicants to follow.

Launched officially September 21, 2018 with the support of individuals with a passion for journalism, politics, and political journalism, the Political Matters Journalism Internship will place successful applicants with the parliamentary bureaus of major news organizations.

The purpose of the program is to place interns in an “authentic journalistic situation,” to borrow a phrase from one media scholar, where they will be called upon to report on political and public policy issues people care about.

The Political Matters Journalism Internship Steering Committee includes Peter Mansbridge, Nancy Jamieson, Bruce Anderson, Susan Delacourt, Susan Harada, Jennifer Ditchburn and Bill Fox — individuals with extensive experience in political journalism, journalism education, politics, and public policy.

The link for submitting applications is: [politicalmatters.ca](http://politicalmatters.ca)

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