



GLOBAL JOURNALISM INTERNSHIPS

A PROGRAM OF THE CARLETON UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION



**Centre for Media and
Transitional Societies**

Information session

Tuesday Feb. 10, 2026

Tonight



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- Feel free to ask questions as we go, but also a Q and A at the end
- A brief word about the CMTS internships
- Blair Amyotte from Farm Radio
- Presentation from several 2025 interns
- Some explanation from Allan about the 2026 application process
- Brief Q and A

What's this all about?

- Grew out of Rwanda Initiative project, 2006 onwards
- Media internships for students in CUSJC
- More than 250 interns over nearly 20 years
- Transition to CMTS
- Partnership with WUSC for a few years
- Planning for 9 placements with Farm Radio International



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This year's internships

Three-month placements, taken up between May and September (depending on the placement)

\$4,000 in total funding for successful applicants, which covers basic costs and provides some financial compensation (but the value of the internship is actually higher)

Looking for our top students, with well-developed reporting and production skills

BMPD and Comms students can apply, but must have the journalism production skills

This year's internships

- More details in a moment
- Three months on the ground in Ethiopia, Ghana and Uganda
- Farm Radio climate change solutions project



Blair Amyotte

Farm Radio International



Journalism Internship

Farm Radio International



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The mandate

- We're building a podcast that showcases the “nature-based solutions” being practiced by African communities. We need you to collect and produce the stories that will be featured in that podcast.
- Produce accompanying companion multimedia pieces:
 - “How to videos” produced by you that have rural people explaining how a Canadian could try their solution
 - Photography stills that work as advertising material
 - Written pieces that tell the stories of what we are seeing
 - These will vary depending on your expertise, and what is happening
- Develop stories and multimedia that showcase the work of Farm Radio International to Canadians
 - Produce finished stories
 - Build an “About Farm Radio” video
 - Also collect the B-roll, audio, and materials that we need throughout the year to tell stories about our work
 - You are welcome to pitch stories/documentaries about our work to various publications





Nature Answers:

Rural Stories from a Changing Planet

Nature Answers is a podcast from Farm Radio International that shares stories from rural communities in sub-Saharan Africa, where some of the most vulnerable people on earth are turning to nature for solutions to a changing climate. And it's working!



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Day-to-day



- In office in capital cities work with our country teams to identify and plan for stories
- Field travel to rural communities to
 - Record video, audio, photography (dependent on your specialty, with audio as the focus)
 - Conduct interviews
- Editing/production of podcasts/videos/written stories
- Training staff members
 - (dependent on your skills and their requests)

The logistics

- This year: 9 positions, Uganda, Ghana, Ethiopia
- 8-12 weeks
- We will arrange and cover cost of: flights, accommodation, visas, local travel, insurance, 3-day pre-departure training in Ottawa
- We will reimburse: prior medical expenses (vaccinations)
- You will receive: cost-of-living stipend (roughly \$500 per month)
- Application via the School of Journalism





Questions?

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Let's hear from
some interns



FRI (Ivory Coast/Côte D'Ivoire)

Abyssinia Abebe

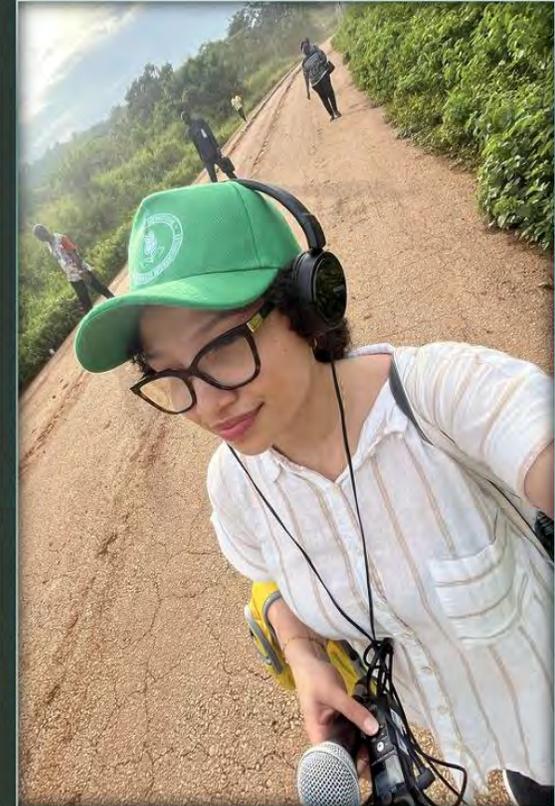


- Make friends with your co-workers!
Everyone is so friendly and kind!



Field Work

- Equipment
 - Natural Sounds
- Interviews
 - Active listening
 - Do your research
 - Be curious
- Hydrate!
- Ask for help!



Lots of travelling

- Be prepared to travel to different communities
- You're very well taken care of, don't worry!
- The assignment? Make a documentary-style podcast + tape talk with a well-informed community member or industry expert on the topic you chose.
- Journalism and storytelling (with a mandate)
- We Travelled to three communities across the country (twice).





How do you stop elephants from destroying a cocoa farm? Send in the bees

How do you stop elephants from destroying a cocoa farm? Send in the bees

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ADDIS ABEBA, ETHIOPIA

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In West Africa, young agribusiness leaders apply climate solutions learned in Quebec

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ABIDJAN, COTE D'IVOIRE

THE GLOBE AND MAIL

PUBLISHED JULY 18, 2025



GHANA

Justin Fiacconi, Tamara
Merritt, Jonah Grignon

Office/Team



Podcast



Travels around Ghana



Favourite moments



Other Things:

- Freelancing- think about it
- Consider side projects
- Definitely apply if you are interested in:
 - Food/Cuisine
 - Nature/hiking
 - History
- Get to know other applicants!
- Please get in touch!
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Canadian Blend

A Second Cup in Ghana takes a subtle approach to channeling Canadiana.

BY JONAH GRIGNON
DEC. 12, 2024



Zambia

Claire Hutcheon, Raquel Medina and Caelan Monkman

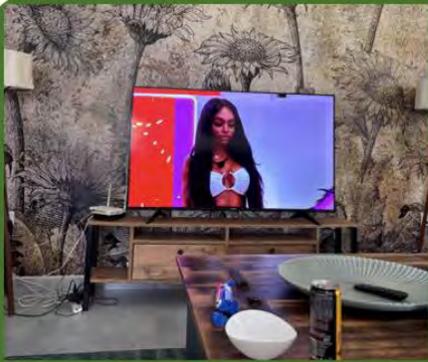
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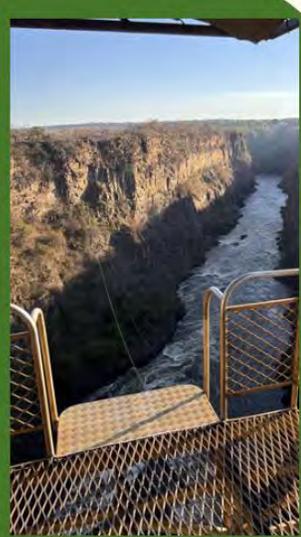
The Internship experience

- Lived and worked in Lusaka, Zambia
- Walked for restaurants and groceries
- Had a driver from MISA Zambia to take us further destinations (like the Lusaka National Museum and the Kabwata Cultural Village)
- Worked everyday from 8-5 in the MISA Zambia office
 - Multi-day workshops, press-briefings, conferences, etc.
 - The USAID office closed down in Zambia while we were there





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Life

Zambia

Podcast Experience



- Very dynamic, we were not researching and discovering our own stories and then pitching them
 - MISA was in comms with the radio stations across the country
 - Travelled out to 3 of the other provinces for up to 14 hour car rides.
 - Car rides out in the bush for hours to get to villages in the middle of the plains
 - Met so many wonderful people and saw the most remote areas

- Research your country before applying
 - See as much of it as you possibly can
- You *will* get sick SO BE PREPARED (especially if you're on the road)
- Buy multiple cases of water at a time
- Buy/wear cultural attire

- Journal as often as you possibly can and take LOTS of photos
- Get to know your fellow interns!!



Tips for future interns

Uganda

Madison Eldridge and Victor Vigas Alvarez



Internship Experience

- Main office in Kampala (the capital)
- Very welcoming office
- Lunch is served 3 times a week
- Weekly meetings & workshops
- People will be happy to show you around!
- Ask for help





Living in Kampala

- Grocery stores, markets and restaurants near by
- Accommodations are covered
- Transportation: Boda bodas (Safe Boda App)
- English is the first language
- Many speak Luganda
- Lots to explore!

Making a Podcast

- You'll bring gear from Carleton with you
- Spend time researching & planning
- Road trip to communities around the country
- Work with local broadcasters
- Sometimes working with translators
- Write a script and edit recordings



Be curious &
open to trying
new things!





Make the most of it!



TOMMY HILFIGER
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The 2026 program – Monday, Feb. 24th



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- Hope to have application site open next week
- **Deadline is Monday, Feb. 24 at 5 p.m.**
- Streamlined application and reference process (application form, statement of intent, CV, special referee form from a CUSJC prof)
- Planning for 9 placements this spring and summer
- Carleton screens applicants, produces shortlist for partners
- Not everyone will be interviewed
- Farm Radio will make final selection

Application materials

Application form (including year in program, two SJC profs who can provide a reference)

Statement of intent: 250 words, who are you, why you want to do this, your qualifications

Current CV: should be a clean format and a link to an online portfolio is useful

A word about references

- Please do NOT ask journalism professors to prepare a formal letter. The application kit will provide a link to a referee form that they should use instead
- You should provide the name of two professors in the School of Journalism and Communication (full-time faculty or contract instructors) who know your work
- Please let these professors know that you have provided their names to serve as references and stress that there is a form for them to fill in, that they don't need to produce a letter

What you can expect if selected

- Farm Radio interns will receive a \$4,000 travel grant from Carleton, which they will submit directly to Farm Radio International to cover pre-departure, flight, local accommodation and stipend costs.
- All selected interns will undergo a pre-departure orientation



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What Carleton expects of you

- You are an ambassador for Carleton and Canada
- You fulfill your mandate with our partners to best of your ability
- You maintain regular contact with Carleton (aka Prof. Thompson)
- You will be prepared to do some public engagement about your internship, while in the field and upon your return



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Questions? (Here are some of the usual ones)

- How competitive is the application process?
- Can I work on other projects while I'm in the field?
- How will the journalism experience be?
- What kind of support will I have on the ground?
- How much is this going to cost me?
- Is this an unpaid internship?
- Do I have to use Carleton profs as my references?



Questions?