

The Newhouse Graduate Newspaper Fellowship and Apprenticeship for Minorities

is a highly competitive 30-month program that provides two generous awards each year to minority students who have majored in subjects other than journalism as undergraduates. It is supported by the Newhouse Foundation.

The winners study newspaper journalism on the master's level at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

Additionally, students receive professional, on-the-job training. While attending classes, students work as part-time reporting interns at *The Post-Standard* newspaper in Syracuse. Later, after earning their master's degrees, they work full time for one year as professional reporting apprentices at *The Post-Standard* or other Newhouse newspapers.

The Newhouse Fellowships are given in two stages. The first stage provides for 18 months of graduate study leading to master's degrees at the Newhouse School at Syracuse University. During this stage, fellows receive full tuition scholarships, \$1,400-per-month stipends, health insurance coverage, up to \$1,500 to cover moving expenses to Syracuse, up to \$800 for travel to professional conferences and up to \$1,000 for books, fees and other academic expenses.

Fellows earn competitive entry-level salaries for the one-year full-time professional apprenticeships they complete after earning their master's degrees.

The **Newhouse School** is one of the largest and most prestigious communications schools in the country. More than 1,700 undergraduates and 220 graduate students from all over the United States and abroad are enrolled at the school. Newhouse is part of Syracuse University, one of the most comprehensive private universities in the nation. The university is among the select group of 62 American and Canadian universities chosen for membership in the Association of American Universities.

The **Samuel I. Newhouse Foundation** is a private foundation established by Samuel I. Newhouse. Its primary purpose is to provide funds for the development of academic and public programs in areas including journalism, education, health and the arts. Also, the Foundation supports programs promoting literacy and education opportunities for minority students, particularly in the field of communications.

The **Newhouse newspapers** are daily newspapers published by Advance Publications, Inc., and are located throughout the United States. The list of newspapers may be viewed on the web at www.advance.net.

The **Post-Standard**—with a daily circulation of 115,000 and a Sunday circulation of about 160,000—provides the news and information Central New Yorkers have depended on for generations. The staff of this award-winning newspaper has helped train hundreds of young journalists over the years. Syracuse.com is the website affiliated with *The Post-Standard*.

Located in the geographic center of New York State, **Syracuse** is a thriving metropolitan community of approximately 750,000 people. The city functions as the area's center of business, industry, education, recreation and culture. It's located in the middle of one of the most scenic vacation districts in the country. To the west lie the world-famous Finger Lakes, surrounded by picturesque rolling hills and acres of vineyards. The Adirondack Mountains to the northeast feature the resort town of Lake Placid, site of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympic Games. To the north along the Canadian border lies the Thousand Islands/St. Lawrence region, with exceptional opportunities for fishing and water recreation. New York City is about five hours away by car.

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Purpose

This program aims to attract members of the minority community with truly outstanding qualifications and the potential to make significant contributions to the field of newspaper journalism and increase the number of minority journalists in the country.

Eligibility

Applicants must :

- Be U.S. citizens and members of historically under-represented minority groups as defined by New York State guidelines (African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino or Native American)
- Have earned undergraduate degrees in fields other than journalism from accredited colleges or universities by June 15 of the year that they begin study at Syracuse University. It is expected that they will have an undergraduate grade point average of B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better.

Application

Our online application is available at apply.embark.com/grad/syracuse

For further information and to view our brochure, please go to newhousemasters.syr.edu.

To be considered, applicants must submit complete application materials for Syracuse University's master's program in Magazine, Newspaper and On-Line Journalism. In completing the application form, applicants should identify themselves as members of minority groups and indicate their interest in the Newhouse Fellow Program. The \$65 application fee will be waived for all eligible Newhouse Fellow applicants.

A complete application includes the following:

- application form
- personal statement
- resume
- three letters of recommendation including the special forms provided in the application
- official transcripts of all previous academic work
- official general Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores (To select a testing date go to www.gre.org or call (800) GRE-CALL. Syracuse University's institution code is 2823.)

All application materials must be received by Syracuse University no later than **February 1, 2009**. Early submissions are appreciated.

Applications are first reviewed for admission to the Magazine, Newspaper and On-Line Journalism master's program. Once an applicant has been admitted, competition judges will screen all applications, narrowing the field first to 12 semifinalists. Six finalists will then be selected and brought to Syracuse, with all expenses paid, for personal interviews from **March 26-29, 2009**. Finalists must be able to travel to Syracuse University for these interviews in order to be considered.

Curriculum

Fellows enroll in the newspaper track of the Magazine, Newspaper and On-Line Journalism master's degree program beginning in early July.

Summer 2009 (6 credits)

NEW 605: News Writing and Reporting
GRA 617: Visual Communication Theory and Practice

Fall 2009 (12 credits)

NEW 617: Advanced Reporting and Writing
NEW 508: Newspaper Editing
NEW 608: Principles of Journalism
Research or Theory Course

Spring 2010 (6 credits)

NEW 535: Newspaper Practicum
COM 698: Media Law
Fellows also work as interns 30 hours per week at *The Post-Standard*.

Summer 2010 (6 credits)

NEW 630: Journalism Enterprise (capstone)
Intern at *The Post-Standard* full time during the second summer session.

Fall 2010 (6 credits)

Two Electives
Intern for 20 hours per week at *The Post-Standard*.

Fellows are not expected to intern on official Syracuse University holidays or between terms.

The fellows receive free tuition, \$1,400-per-month stipends and other benefits, but they are not compensated over and above this for their internship work.

Apprenticeship

After the fellows have earned their master's degrees, they complete one-year, paid professional apprenticeships at *The Post-Standard* or other Newhouse newspapers. The work sites are assigned after discussions involving the fellows, the managing editor for staff development at *The Post-Standard* and editors of other Newhouse newspapers. Fellows cannot choose their apprenticeship sites but their preferences are taken into consideration.

The Newhouse Fellowships end at the completion of the one-year paid apprenticeships. At that time, advisors from *The Post-Standard* and the Newhouse School will be available to offer fellows guidance during their searches for permanent full-time jobs.