

The Genetics Society of America (GSA)

Position: Science Writing & Communications Intern

Hours: Approximately 10 hours per week

Date posted: October 16th, 2017

Start Date: Approximately December 1st, 2017

End Date: Approximately March 1st, 2018

Salary: \$15 per hour

Location: This position is located in one of the following areas: Maryland; Virginia; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Mississippi

Position summary:

The Genetics Society of America (GSA) seeks an intern with a talent for storytelling and a strong background in genetics or a related scientific field.

The intern will work closely with GSA staff to write posts for the *Genes to Genomes* blog <http://genestogenomes.org> and contribute to other writing, editing, outreach, and communications tasks. You must be an excellent writer and a fast learner.

This paid internship is for 10 hours a week for 12 weeks, and you will be telecommuting. Your application should include: a resume, cover letter, and a writing sample that summarizes a recent GSA Journals research article in the style of a *Genes to Genomes* blog post (for examples, see: <http://genestogenomes.org/category/science-and-publishing/>). You may also include up to two other writing samples that demonstrate your ability to write for a general biology audience or the public (i.e. **not** scholarly research articles).

Tasks:

- Write posts for the *Genes to Genomes* blog
- Work with editors and scientists to revise posts
- Identify appropriate images to accompany posts
- Format and publish posts
- Write and edit member communications
- Conduct phone interviews with scientists as needed
- Contribute social media posts
- Other communications tasks as needed

You may also have opportunities to gain training and experience in other GSA projects according to your interests, skills, and the tasks available.

Experience and skills required

- Some graduate training in genetics or related field (e.g. current graduate student). Those with equivalent research experience will also be considered.
- Demonstrated writing skills, including use of plain language
- Knowledge of genetics and biology

- Ability to write engagingly for both the public and a scientific audience
- Attention to detail and accuracy
- Ability to adhere to strict deadlines
- Ability to work closely with others, and to share and receive ideas openly

For information about how to apply, please visit:

<http://www.faseb.org/employment>

Applications will require a cover letter, resume, and writing samples. Please combine writing samples into a single PDF file.

To find out more about GSA, please visit our website at: <http://www.genetics-gsa.org/>

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