Media Internships

The Coast News media internships are unpaid 12-week programs meant to provide hands-on training for student journalists seeking to learn various skill sets, including reporting, writing, copyediting, photography, and social media engagement. Upon completion of the program, interns will have invaluable newsroom experience and published work for their portfolio.

Quarterly internships:
January 1 – March 30 (Deadline: November 12)
April 1 – June 30 (Deadline: February 12)
July 1 – September 30 (Deadline: May 12)
October 1 – December 31 (Deadline: August 12)

Applicants must be:
- Current full-time students at a high school or college
- Current full-time graduate students

Students will explain what they hope to get from their internship experience during the interview process, identifying achievable goals they wish to accomplish while working at the newspaper. Each internship will include a professional job shadow opportunity with an experienced reporter, editor, photographer, or graphic designer — a vital part of the career development process.

Beat Reporter
Intern reporters will be assigned a beat or coverage area. The Editor-in-Chief expects reporters to pitch stories, cover meetings and events, conduct interviews, take pictures, write stories and captions, and utilize social media to find stories and promote The Coast News’ content. Students will learn AP style, writing principles, basic camera techniques, and journalism ethics.

Photographer
Intern photographers will take engaging photos for print and online publication. The Editor-in-Chief expects interns to write captions for every image, including names, ages, times, dates, and places. They will also share photos and short videos on social media (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram) and engage with readers. Interns will have access to a Canon Rebel T6 DSLR camera or use their own camera.

Copy Editor
Intern copyeditors will be responsible for reviewing articles and correcting them for style, grammar, spelling, active voice, and structure. Each copyeditor will also check newspaper pages before they are sent to the printer, identifying mistakes and ensuring pages adhere to the proper format.
Please send resume and cover letter to jobs@coastnewsgroup.com, including the word “INTERNSHIP” in the subject line. In your cover letter, please explain why you’re seeking an internship as a reporter, copyeditor, or photographer (Please only select one). Successful applicants will be notified no later than six weeks before their start date. All applicants must reside in North County San Diego area for the entirety of their internship.