

Position: Freelance Reporter & Writer

The National Network of Depression Centers (NNDC) is hiring student writers and photographers in Dallas, TX, to cover area mental health related news. Publication will take place online, but some content will be included in a print magazine circulated to member mental health centers around the country. Junior, senior or graduate students in English or Journalism are preferred. Compensation will be per-article or per-video. Writers may be assigned stories, research projects, and/or given the opportunity to generate their own ideas.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Conduct interviews
- Report on news and events at member institutions as assigned
- Write short or long articles on these news events
- Research related projects
- Coordinate with the NNDC editorial staff

Necessary Qualifications:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Two years or more towards a degree in English, journalism, or related field
- Ability to handle multiple tasks, work under tight deadlines, and work well under pressure
- Appropriate planning, organizational, and time management skills
- Ability to work closely with internal and external contacts in a professional manner
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and maximum collaboration
- Willingness to take both initiative and direction
- Self-discipline, adherence to deadlines

Desired but not required:

- Knowledge of AP/APA Style Guides
- Academic background in science, medicine, and/or psychology
- Photography or photojournalism experience
- Video production experience

The NNDC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to facilitating the progress of mood disorder research, treatment, and education by providing resources and collaborative opportunities to depression centers and academic medical institutions across the country. For more information please visit our website at www.nndc.org. We are based in Ann Arbor, MI, so selected applicants will likely be interviewed by phone.

Potential is available for long-term positions. **Applications will be accepted until December 21, 2009.**

To apply please send resume, cover letter, and 1-3 article-style writing samples, and/or 1-3 short (max 3 min each) video samples to Madeleine Smith at msmith@nndc.org, email subject line should read: Freelance Writer, your name, and the date.

Submissions can also be sent to:

Attn: Madeleine Smith, National Network of Depression Centers, P.O. Box 131581, Ann Arbor, MI, 48113