



UGA Costa Rica Campus Photojournalism Internship

When: Continuous (ideally 3-6 month position, 10-week minimum commitment, with flexible start-end dates)

Where: University of Georgia (UGA) Costa Rica Campus, San Luis de Monteverde, Costa Rica

Who is eligible: Applications will be considered for students who have completed their junior year of undergraduate study in photojournalism or a closely related field, however recent graduates in this field are preferred. Graduate students are also eligible to apply.

Job Description

UGA Costa Rica offers a photojournalism internship at the UGA Costa Rica Campus in San Luis de Monteverde, Costa Rica. This is a calendar-year position, with opportunities open throughout the year. Preference is given to applicants able to spend minimum 6 months in the position.

The Photojournalism Intern will be responsible for maintaining the UGA Costa Rica blog, coordinating with Facebook, Twitter, and other social media postings. He or she will be responsible for writing and editing content as well as maintaining an organized file of various media (photographs, video) documenting activities at both the UGACR campus and community activities of interest. Skills in photo editing are preferred. The Photojournalism Intern will also be expected to develop a suite of concept proposals to be carried out over the course of the internship. Upon project approval, the Photojournalism Interns will provide work plans with completion schedules, which will be of personal/professional interest to the Intern and should additionally meet the expressed interests of UGA Costa Rica and the San Luis community. All references to and use of frameworks, assessment tools, and other publications and methodologies must be properly cited.

Storytelling is a central feature of the Photojournalism internship. He or she will be expected to identify a story, person, issue, etc. and tell the story through the use of various media. The number of projects undertaken during the internship will be dependent upon its duration as well as the complexity of the story being developed. Projects may be a series of short stories or a larger, more complex single story—this will be up to the Photojournalism intern to decide. The Photojournalism intern will be expected to offer a public presentation at the conclusion of their internship, which will be held either at the San Luis Community Center or on the UGACR campus. This final presentation may include multimedia pieces and/or a series of images chosen by the intern.

Please note: It is expected that copies of all photos, videos, and other media generated as part of the Photojournalism internship will remain with UGA Costa Rica, who maintains the rights to use this material for publications, marketing, and other such purposes to benefit the organization and its mission. In turn, UGA Costa Rica will not sell or otherwise commercially distribute this material without consent of the Photojournalism intern. The Photojournalism intern may use all photos, videos, and other media for their personal portfolio, for personal exhibitions, for outside publications, and for other personal purposes so long as this does not infringe on the rights of UGA Costa Rica to continue to use such material.

The UGA Costa Rica Director will facilitate a mandatory pre-field work orientation for the interns, and the UGA Costa Rica campus General Manager, who will act as supervisor for the duration of the internship, will arrange an in-country orientation to the campus and facilities during the first days following arrival to campus.

Interns are expected to provide a weekly report of activities to the UGA Costa Rica General Manager. Reporting templates will be provided.

Deliverables

UGACR Blog

- At least 3 blog posts prepared weekly. Posts may be as short as a photograph or video with a descriptive paragraph or an ongoing series of posts. The UGACR blog will be the main outlet for displaying work completed during the internship.

Social Media

- At least 10 cropped and UGACR watermarked photos should be posted on Instagram every other week. Digital copies of the photos will be kept on file for future promotional use by UGACR. Photos should include a variety of content to provide visual appeal.
- Intern is encouraged to create albums on UGACR Facebook page of student groups, sites, field projects, etc.

Desired Skills

The Photojournalism Internship is a team project—while Photojournalism Interns must exhibit strong ability to work independently to carry out projects, it is expected that they will interact with education abroad programs, the UGACR campus and Athens Office Staff, and San Luis community members in support of UGA Costa Rica's mission.

Applicants for the Photojournalism Internship will be considered based on the following skills and criteria:

- Demonstrated knowledge about digital photography and video, including image capture and editing;
- Experience using editing software (e.g., Photoshop, InDesign, movie editing software);
- Experience in creating and maintaining a blog;
- Strong narrative writing skills with ability to write coherent, detail-oriented photo captions;
- Proven ability to work independently and on team projects;
- Strong oral communication skills;
- Demonstrated research skills for new project development.

It is not obligatory that the Photojournalism Interns speak Spanish, although this is highly desired, nor is it obligatory that they have prior experience on extended outdoor/wilderness travel, although this will be considered.

Intern needs to provide camera(s) ideally with video capabilities, lenses, card reader, tripod, etc. Editing software is available on the UGA Costa Rica Mac Lab computers: Adobe Creative Suite and Final Cut Pro.

Compensation and Expenses

- As in-kind compensation, UGA Costa Rica will provide room and board at the UGA Costa Rica campus, weekly laundry service at the UGA Costa Rica campus, Internet access on campus, and workspace with computer access on campus. UGA Costa Rica will provide workspace and computer access in the UGA Costa Rica office in Athens should this be needed prior to or following the time in Costa Rica.
- UGA Costa Rica will provide logistical support services to assist the Photojournalism Interns for arranging ground transportation and off-campus lodging within Costa Rica.
- The Photojournalism Interns will be responsible for international airfare, in-country ground transportation for personal travel, fees for off-campus activities and entrance fees (e.g., zip lines, rafting, etc.), off-campus lodging and meals, exit tax upon leaving Costa Rica, personal phone calls, and all personal items.
- Photojournalism Interns are required to obtain and provide proof of supplementary international travel health insurance for the duration of the internship in Costa Rica. Upon request, UGA Costa Rica will provide contact information for the insurance company that provides service to UGA study abroad programs.
- Should this internship be arranged for academic course credit, the Intern will be responsible for associated tuition and fees and paperwork. The UGA Costa Rica Director will provide an official acceptance letter for the Interns.