

The Cascade Columnist

Rate of pay: \$50 per issue

Job Summary:

Columnists are responsible for writing one article per issue, writing a series of articles that follows a similar theme for a certain section of the newspaper that will run over the course of the semester.

It is up to the columnist what the theme of their column will be. *The Cascade* is open to receiving proposals for all kinds of different columns, such as: commentary on Canadian and/or local politics, commentary on specific sport leagues, sexual education, financial literacy, health and wellness advice, and more. As long as the column is relevant and applicable to the student body, we are happy to publish it.

Because they are paid members of *The Cascade* staff, a columnist is expected to write more comprehensive articles than a contributor, and must include reputable sources in their writing, ideally with the occasional interview from an expert in the field they're covering.

At all times, columnists must adhere to the policies and procedures of the Cascade Journalism Society and Canadian University Press Code of Ethics, and always behave in an ethical manner as a representative of the paper.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Draft an outline of different topics your column will talk about over the course of the semester, to be approved by the sectional editor and EIC.
2. Upon the column's acceptance, the writer must turn in the draft for the first two articles of the column.
3. Contribute a minimum of one full-length article per issue (every second article must be interview-based).
4. Must be able to write a column to the deadline.
5. Attend workshops and team building events as required.
6. Perform other job-related duties as required by the Managing Editor and/or Executive Editor.
7. This position requires equipment for writing and e-mailing. The contractor will provide their own equipment needed (i.e., laptop, recorder).
8. As a contractor this position requires billing for work completed. Issue an invoice to *The Cascade* on a biweekly basis.

Qualifications:

1. Must be registered in at least one for-credit course at UFV during the Fall/Winter semesters.

2. Must be a member in good standing of the Cascade Journalism Society.
3. Must be able to deal effectively with Society and university staff, students, and the general public.
4. Must have knowledge of all relevant laws and journalistic standards concerning libel.
5. Must demonstrate strong command of the English language through writing ability.