Executive Editor of TheStatehouseFile.com

Franklin College’s award-winning Pulliam School of Journalism seeks a talented journalist, mentor and teacher to serve as executive editor of TheStatehouseFile.com, the news website and learning laboratory powered by Franklin College journalism students. This is a full time, salaried position reporting to the director of the Pulliam School of Journalism, who also is the publisher of TheStatehouseFile.com.

The executive editor’s responsibilities will include, but may not be limited to, supervising the Franklin College student journalists who work for TheStatehouseFile.com, editing their stories and working with the network of news partners and clients who use the content TheStatehouseFile.com provides. The executive editor will work both from the Franklin College campus and the office of TheStatehouseFile.com at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis.

TheStatehouseFile.com has partnership agreements with news organizations as large as The Indianapolis Star and The Louisville Courier-Journal and as small as The Sullivan Daily Times and The Portland Commercial-Review. As part of the partnership agreements, those news organizations pay Franklin College for the content TheStatehouseFile.com generates and Franklin College uses the funds to provide scholarships for the students who work on the site.

TheStatehouseFile.com publishes an average of four to six stories per day, along with regular multimedia packages and columns. The output and the workload increase during the Indiana General Assembly’s annual legislative session and during years in which there are statewide elections. Since its inception, TheStatehouseFile.com routinely has claimed top awards in the largest and most competitive professional categories of statewide journalism competitions. Graduates of the Franklin College now work, among many other places, as the lead reporter covering Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign for CNN and as the state government reporter for The Indianapolis Star.

TheStatehouseFile.com has been so successful both as a learning experience for Franklin College students and as a launching pad for their careers that a semester working fulltime for TheStatehouseFile.com now is a requirement for all the college’s multimedia journalism majors.

This means the executive editor will be an essential part of the Franklin College team.
The successful applicant will work well with people, have strong mentoring and teaching skills, be a strong writer, understand Indiana government and politics, have top-notch reporting and editing skills, know how to use social media to advance a story or message, have the ability to guide and create multimedia packages and be able to work effectively with WordPress.

Demonstrated commitment to teaching and learning, openness to innovation, and a genuine dedication to working with undergraduates in a small, collegial liberal arts setting is strongly preferred. Willingness to participate in broad service to the college, such as advising, committee work, and professional development, is required. Intercultural experience is an asset. Compensation will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

An ideal application would include a cover letter, resume, three writing samples, links to multimedia story packages created or edited, a salary history, social media links and three professional references.

Please send the application to: humanresources@franklincollege.edu

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