

Chicago-based Enterprise Reporter

Capitol News Illinois

Salary Range: \$65,000-\$75,000 plus benefits

Job posting:

Capitol News Illinois seeks a full-time enterprise and occasional daily news reporter to cover Chicago with a focus on government-related news with a statewide impact.

The enterprise-first reporter would help launch investigations from the Chicago area, work with our partner newsrooms and unearth news that's off the beaten path. The reporter will, to some extent, focus on the city's relationship with state government, and will be available for spot news and daily-turn assignments as necessary.

The reporter will identify their stories with editors and coworkers and will have an opportunity to shape their own beat. The reporter also may produce shared bylines with other Chicago-area staff, our various student journalism partners at Medill University or other CNI staff at the Statehouse and in southern Illinois. The reporter must be open to traveling to Springfield if needed to help cover the legislative session or political events.

CNI does not focus on Chicago city politics and government, but those topics may become part of the beat if the reporter can tie the coverage to a broader statewide impact. It's not a requirement, but data reporting and use of new media will benefit the candidate.

Qualifications:

1. The reporter must live in the Chicago area, the closer to downtown the better. This is a remote position, although the reporter may work from time to time from the offices of state government at 555 W. Monroe St. in Chicago.
2. The candidate should be experienced in reporting and writing quickly in a professional, daily deadline setting. A working knowledge of state government and issues important to the Chicago region are preferred.
3. The ability to use new and evolving processes via computers, web applications, new equipment and software is required. Photo and video skills are preferred.
4. Extraordinary interpersonal skills, including verbal and written communication skills.
5. The candidate must have a bachelor's degree or greater in journalism or related communications field and maintain a social media presence related to the job.

To apply, send a resume and three reporting clips to editors@capitolnewsillinois.com.