



**Graduate News Fellows
School of Journalism**

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DESCRIPTION

The Stony Brook School of Journalism is seeking applications for a new graduate teaching fellows program in News Literacy, an emerging discipline designed to teach students how to use their critical thinking skills to judge the reliability of news reports. Funded in part by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the school will teach News Literacy to 10,000 undergraduates during the next four years. Fellows will undergo several weeks of training this summer and then teach in fall 2007 and spring 2008. In addition, there will be weekly colloquia and routine interaction with journalism school lecturers and professional journalists.

Candidates must have an interest in the subject, possess strong communication skills and at least one year of teaching experience. The school is seeking between 15 and 20 graduate candidates who will be awarded an annual teaching and training stipend of \$15,000. Students will be expected to commit 15 to 20 hours a week. In addition, News Fellows will qualify for a tuition scholarship.

The teaching fellowship is open to all full-time graduate students pursuing doctoral degrees at Stony Brook University.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2007



REQUIREMENTS

A complete application must include:

- A CV and a short summary of your status as a graduate student (Department, date of admission, year of study, expected date of completion of the doctoral degree, and, if available, a summary of your dissertation project).
- Evidence of teaching proficiency, including:
 - A letter of recommendation from your department chair or graduate director attesting to your scholarship, communication skills and commitment to teaching.
 - A letter of recommendation from a faculty member who has supervised or worked with you in teaching a course.
 - Quantitative summary information from course evaluations by students.
- A 500-word statement explaining why you are interested in teaching News Literacy. Please include your views on what the course should include and what it should accomplish.

If you would like to review the existing News Literacy syllabus, please email journalism@stonybrook.edu to request a copy

As part of your application, please complete the questionnaire on the following page.

For more information contact Howard Schneider, Dean of the School of Journalism at 632-7403 or e-mail him at howard.schneider@stonybrook.edu.



- And please answer the following questions:

A. What is your primary source of news?

B. Do you read a newspaper or magazine? Which one(s)? How often?

C. Do you have a favorite TV or radio news channel?

D. Do you get news from the Internet? Which sites?

E. Do you trust the news accounts that you read/see:

In newspapers?

On Internet news sites?

On television?

All of the time ___

All of the time ___

All of the time ___

Most of the time ___

Most of the time ___

Most of the time ___

Some of the time ___

Some of the time ___

Some of the time ___

Rarely ___

Rarely ___

Rarely ___