



Dive Deep with a Paid Fellowship at The Tyee

Applications are now open for the six-month Hummingbird Immersion Journalism Fellowship at The Tyee

If you are an early-career journalist looking to do exciting, meaningful work while receiving supportive opportunities for mentorship and growth, consider spending six months at The Tyee. Apply to be our Hummingbird Immersion Journalism Fellow.

This fellowship program will place an early-career journalist (a journalism student, a recent grad, or a journalist in the first three years of their career) at The Tyee for a paid six-month term.

The successful candidate will work closely with a supervising editor and become immersed with the staff community at The Tyee, which is based in Vancouver, B.C.

Working with a supervising editor to develop place-based stories for British Columbia, the Hummingbird journalism fellow will be engaged in all aspects of the reporting process including research, interviews, producing or sourcing artwork, writing, fact-checking and engaging in editing processes.

The Hummingbird journalism fellow will aim to publish work regularly in The Tyee, approximately every two weeks. In addition to their primary focus on short- and long-form reported features, the Hummingbird journalism fellow's work could include photojournalism, culture writing, illustration, animation, motion graphics, data visualization, videography or video editing, depending on available time and interest.

Placement

[The Tyee](#) is an award-winning online magazine of news, ideas and solutions focused on British Columbia, the wider bioregion known as Cascadia, and beyond. Our editorially independent team publishes short- and long-form multimedia journalism that tackles social and environmental issues through explanatory, investigative and solutions-focused reporting and analysis.

Fellowship

The primary goal of the fellowship is to create a solid foundation of skills, community and experience from which the Hummingbird journalism fellow can chart their future path. Through close mentorship, immersion in a supportive Tyee community and the opportunity to build a diverse portfolio of published works, our hope is that the

successful candidate will emerge from their journalism fellowship with a refined skillset and a renewed sense of purpose for their next steps in the industry.

Skills and qualifications

We will consider upper-year students or recent graduates from programs in journalism, writing, communications, or similar course of study. Other degrees will be considered if supplemented by journalism or writing experience.

We are looking for a self-starter who can work independently, yet collaboratively, as part of a team.

We value creativity and teamwork.

Experience with digital media is a strong asset.

Candidates should have a strong knowledge of British Columbia or the Pacific Northwest.

Pay, timing and logistics

If the Hummingbird journalism fellow is based in the Vancouver area, significant parts of the fellowship will take place in The Tyee's downtown Vancouver office. Candidates who are based elsewhere in B.C. can work from their current location if they have reliable and fast internet access.

Pay is C\$3,500 per month.

Term will be February through July 2024. There is some flexibility in dates.

To apply

Please send an email to jobs@thetyee.ca with "Hummingbird Fellowship" in the subject line with your cover letter, resumé and relevant samples of your work (or include a link to samples in cover letter or resumé).

The letter should include:

- A short description of an area of speciality that you'd like to explore during the course of the fellowship;
- Previous related academic and/or journalistic work that may be relevant to the fellowship; and
- One or two pitches for stories you may wish to pursue during your time at The Tyee.

The recruitment process will involve two rounds of interviews with a hiring committee, and a reference check.

While we appreciate our interest, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. **Closing date is Dec. 15, 2023.**

Please email any questions about the Hummingbird Immersion Journalism Fellowship at The Tyee to Jackie Wong at jwong@thetyee.ca

About Hummingbird

Rick and Della Strooboscher are sponsors of the Hummingbird Immersion Journalism Fellowship. While both were born and raised in Southern Ontario, Rick and Della met while studying at Calvin College in Michigan, USA. At their commencement address, Rick and Della were encouraged to fly upside down--to live and work in a counter-cultural fashion--in order to make the world a better place. The Hummingbird Immersion Journalism Fellowship, so named because the hummingbird is the only bird that can fly upside down, provides a unique opportunity for an early career journalist to contribute to and learn from a news magazine that flies upside down.

