

THE PITT NEWS

Application to the News Desk

Name:

Major:

Year in school:

Email:

Phone:

What you'll be doing as a **news reporter**: serving the Pitt community by producing articles about the events and people around them. The news section at The Pitt News provides the Pitt community with reports and updates about University, city and student-related national news and helps readers stay aware and make informed decisions

What to expect from working for The Pitt News:

- Attendance at one weekly staff meeting (usually held on Sundays). The meetings will last anywhere from 40 minutes to an hour.
- Reporting and writing at least one article each week (between 600 and 750 words in length). This includes interviewing **at least three sources** for every article. You may be expected to attend events, speeches, meetings, or anything of the like and interview people around you.
- Sometimes, we might call you. If you can't answer the phone, please call back or send a text to see what's going on. Odds are we probably just had a quick question.

To apply, **please** answer the questions below and send your responses, along with your résumé and two or three writing samples, to newsdesk.tpn@gmail.com. The résumé and writing samples are not required, but they do help **editors with new hires**.

1. Why do you want to work for The Pitt News?
2. How much time do you think you can commit to the paper? How many credits do you plan to take this semester, and do you have a job?
3. What types of stories would you like to write? If you're not sure, think about what types of stories you enjoy reading.

4. What is your experience, if any, with news writing or journalism?
(Experience is not necessary).

5. How do you think we can improve The Pitt News?

Please send this completed application to newsdesk.tpn@gmail.com, or **drop it off** on the 4th floor (434) of the William Pitt Union. **Editors are in the office any time** Sunday-Thursday.

Cristina Holtzer, News editor
Danielle Fox, Assistant news editor
Harrison Kaminsky, Assistant news editor