



**Regent Park Focus
Youth Media Arts Centre**

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Applications are invited for the following two positions:

- **Civic and Community Video Journalist –Regent Park (26 hours weekly)**
- **Civic and Community Video Journalist - Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (14 hours weekly)**

Station Name: Regent Park Focus Media Arts Centre

Location: 38 Regent Street, Toronto, Ontario

Date Posted: October 21, 2019

Application Deadline: Friday November 1, 2019 (5 pm)

Term: These are time limited positions which will end on March 31, 2021

Description

Regent Park Focus Media Centre is looking for:

- one experienced reporter to work 26 hours weekly (\$19.00 hrly) as a Civic and Community Video Journalist dedicated to covering issues related to the Regent Park community

and

- one experienced reporter to work 14 hours weekly (\$19.00 hrly) as a Civic and Community Video Journalist dedicated to covering issues related to serving several of Toronto's underserved communities defined as Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIA's).

Both positions are funded by The Local Journalism Initiative and has been made possible by the Government of Canada, administered by The Canadian Association of Community Television Users and Stations (CACTUS).

Regent Park Focus Media Centre is a not-for-profit organization that was established in 1990 to counter negative stereotypes about the Regent Park community and provide interventions to high risk youth in the area. Today Regent Park Focus serves as a community learning centre for digital arts and radio & television broadcasting. We provide a community facility dedicated to media literacy training and engagement of community members of all ages, and seek to expand our outreach to other underserved communities and partners.

The candidates will be producing civic journalism, which is defined as reportage about the activities of the country's civic institutions (for example, courthouses, city halls, school boards, federal Parliament or provincial legislatures and local representatives) or subjects of public importance to society.

The ideal candidates will have a strong understanding of video journalism, an understanding of how decisions made at the federal, provincial and local level impact on local residents living in Regent Park and other NIA's, as well as a passion for storytelling and solid media production skills, especially in video. It is equally important that the candidates understands the principles of community based media -- they will function as the leader of a team of volunteer community media makers who will collaboratively create professional quality content delivered through video, web, podcasts and social media.

Requirements of the positions include:

- High degree of self-motivation and proven ability to generate story ideas.
- A demonstrated ability to identify, research and produce engaging video stories, panel discussions, and interviews for local audiences. Strong digital video skills including editing; experience in audio, social media, online journalism and media writing are assets
- Excellent interviewing skills, demonstrating an ability to establish an appropriate rapport with sources
- Proven ability to work with volunteers to create high quality professional productions
- Strong organizational and time management skills, ensuring deadlines are always met;
- Have a keen interest in civic issues and politics;
- Willingness to work with volunteers on evenings and weekends when necessary

Qualifications

In addition, preference will be given to candidates who:

- Have a demonstrated understanding, or experience with, community based media organizations
- Demonstrated ability to work with volunteers, preferably in a media production setting
- Have a strong understanding of online reporting and social media, and the appropriate integration of those tools to complement video products;
- Background in data journalism is an asset
- Are multi-lingual

To apply, please download the application here and along with your resume send to regentparkfocus@gmail.com **or contact:**

Regent Park Focus Media Arts Centre, 38 Regent Street, (Lower Level), Toronto, Ontario, M5A 3N7.

Email: **Regentparkfocus@gmail.com**

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Regent Park Focus Media Arts Centre is an advocate for equity and is committed to ensuring representation in its community. We welcome applications from members of visible minorities, women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse communities. **Regent Park Focus Media Arts Centre** seeks to maintain its commitment to excellence and recognizes that increasing the diversity of its workplace supports this objective.

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