

ORT Science Writer Position

December 16, 2019

Job Description

The Office of Research Trainees (ORT) at University Health Network (UHN) is recruiting a highly motivated part-time Science Writer for our monthly newsletter – The ORT Times. Science Writers are expected to generate ideas for content and write one editorial, tutorial or summary per month. For samples of this feature, see [recent issues of The ORT Times](#). Science Writers are expected to commit 10-15hrs of work per month to accomplish these duties. The successful candidate(s) will be offered a one-year contract and financial compensation with the possibility of renewal.

Responsibilities

- Generate ideas for, write, and edit original content
- Find images to accompany articles
- Create social media posts for the articles and suggest hashtags to be shared on ORT social media
- Work remotely and efficiently with occasional in-person meetings
- Adhere to submission deadlines

Qualifications

- Graduate student or Postdoctoral fellow at one of the seven UHN Research Institutes
- Experience with scientific writing, creativity and engaging writing style
- Ability to engage a broad readership from diverse scientific backgrounds
- Excellent time management skills and attention to detail
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure or with tight deadlines
- Ability to collaborate well with a team

Application Process:

Please submit the ORT Times Science Writer Application Form (attached) electronically to ort.admin@uhnresearch.ca. Note: Only complete applications will be considered.

Part I: Applicant Information

Part II: Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Part III: Plain language summary of **ONE** of the 3 selected articles in accordance with ORT Science Writer submission guidelines (attached).

Closing Date: January 16, 2020 @ 4pm

If you have questions, please contact the ORT by phone or email.

ORT Times Science Writer Application

Part I: Applicant information

Date: _____

UHN Research Institute:

Full Name: _____

Princess Margaret Cancer Center

Email Address: _____

Toronto General Research Institute

Position: Graduate Student, MSc

Krembil Research Institute

Graduate Student, PhD

Toronto Rehabilitation Institute/KITE

Postdoctoral Fellow

TECHNA

Other: _____

McEwen Stem Cell Institute

Do you have experience with scientific writing?

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Yes No

Please summarize

What are some ideas you have for article topics:

1. _____

2. _____

Part II: Curriculum Vitae (CV) attached:

Part III: Plain language summary attached:

Indicate which article you selected: 1 2 3

Part III: Plain language summary according to the attached submission guidelines.

Please select **ONE** of the following papers to write about:

- 1) Comprehensive Neuropsychiatric and Cognitive Characterization of Former Professional Football Players: Implications for Neurorehabilitation (<https://doi.org/10.3389/fneur.2019.00712>)
- 2) The bioprocessing of stem cells: how to reach the clinic (<https://doi.org/10.2217/rme.13.31>)
- 3) Molecular phenotyping of rejection-related changes in mucosal biopsies from lung transplants (<https://doi.org/10.1111/ajt.15685>)

ORT Science Writer Submission Guidelines

Title: Goal is to summarize topic and engage readership.
(36 characters max. *with spaces*)

Subtitle: Summarize key message. Keep it exciting and complementary to the title.
(95 characters max. *with spaces*)

Body Text: Articles have broad readership including those with non-scientific or diverse scientific backgrounds. Writing should be clear and in plain language. Explain all acronyms and hyperlink references or other resources where appropriate. Keep it interesting to entice readership.
(300 words maximum)

Image: Select an image that is relevant to your article and engage readership.

Image Caption: Summarize the image and tie into the article topic.
(30 characters max. *with spaces*)

Social Media:

- Please include your social media handles (Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook)
- Suggest 2-3 #hashtags to go with your article
- Relevant persons to tag (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn)
- Please draft a tweet about your article to post on twitter (180 characters to allow room for link, hashtags and tags).