



Science Connected

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Freelance Science Journalist

Job Overview:

[GotScience Magazine](#) is seeking a freelance science journalist to write about new scientific journal articles in the physical sciences. We publish for a general audience of people who are not professional scientists, so our writers need to be able to reach out to scientists and report on their research without sounding overly esoteric.

Responsibilities and Duties:

The freelance science journalist will read science press releases, select the ones they want to report on, reach out to the relevant media contacts, and submit two to four completed articles each month. They will also respond to editorial queries. Articles must be at least 800 words in length and include references.

Reports To:

The freelance science journalist will report directly to the editor in chief.

Qualifications:

Education. A degree in journalism or the physical sciences is needed. A degree or certificate in science communication, or equivalent, is preferred.

Experience. Experience writing news or nonfiction is needed. Experience in digital journalism and science communication, or equivalent, is preferred.

Specific skills. Ability to use Google Drive to share and collaborate on documents is needed. Must have own computer and Internet access. Very strong written communication skills are essential, as are the ability to use editorial feedback and adhere to a style guide.

Personal characteristics. Applicants must be able to work successfully as part of a remote team and work constructively with copy editors.

Location:

This is a remote position with a nonprofit organization based in San Francisco, California.

Compensation:

\$20 for your first article that we accept for publication

\$25 per subsequent article submitted and accepted, with further increases possible

Please note that this is an independent contractor position, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

About Us:

Goodbye to the days when you had to be affiliated with a university or research institute in order to access awesome, cutting-edge scientific research. GotScience Magazine is a digital publication that delivers comprehensible science to the public—for free.

GotScience Magazine is a volunteer-powered project of Science Connected, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of science. We ensure equal access to resources and opportunities in STEM education and careers.

In our work to increase public understanding of science, we uphold the highest possible standards of scientific and journalistic integrity. We do not sensationalize, cherry-pick, or misrepresent the research reports. We do not report pseudoscience or mistake correlation for causation. We source peer-reviewed academic journals and follow the Code of Ethics of the Society of Professional Journalists.

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How to Apply:

Please send a letter of interest, resume, writing sample (instructions below), and contact information for two professional references to info@scienceconnected.org.

Writing Sample: Submit a summary of a recent scientific paper. Choose from the press releases available [here](#). Excellent examples of this style of article can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Complete instructions may be read [here](#).