

THE COLLEGE HILL INDEPENDENT

STAFF WRITER APPLICATION

Spring 2019

All applications are due by **Wednesday, December 12th** at **11:59 pm** to theindy@gmail.com. Please include the subject line "APPLICATION." Feel free to email the Spring 2019 managing editors (ella_comberg@brown.edu, tiara_sharma@brown.edu, and jzhuang@risd.edu) if you have any questions.

What do staff writers do?

Staff writers are an integral part of the *Indy* staff. They commit to writing three articles each semester and working with *Indy* section editors to develop pieces and learn more about the editing process. Staff writers can also alternate the sections they contribute to and do not have to stick to one. Writing for the *Indy* can be an intimidating process, especially for those who don't have much experience writing, but it is a unique space to learn from peers, teach peers, and engage in a critical, creative, and fun-loving community.

QUESTIONS

Please type your responses below each question. Please ensure your responses are at least 100 words for questions 4-10 (but do feel free to write more).

1. What is your name?
2. We're planning on conducting interviews before the end of finals period. If you are leaving Providence for winter break, when is your last day on campus?
3. The *Indy* is a workshop and a social community. It is most valuable, fulfilling, and fun when everyone participates. Would you be able to attend our "Critique" of last issues every Monday 7-8 and/or "Copy Edit" every Wednesday night?

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4. In order of your preference, list at least three sections you would like to write for and why. (News, Metro [PVD], Features, Arts, Science & Tech, Literary, Metabolics [aka food/body/sports])

5. What brought you to the Indy? Why are you interested in being a part of this community? What are you hoping to get from it?

6. Last fall, the *Indy* worked together to create a mission statement that reflected its aims as a publication and as a member of several broader communities (<http://www.theindy.org/about>). What are one or two things from this statement that seem especially important to you?

7. What is your experience with writing and editing? Please list any articles you've written for the *Indy* or any other publications, if any! 100% no expectation of previous experience.

8. What are your interests? What activities or communities you are a part of, either on- or off-campus? What do you do around here (classes, clubs, jobs, hobbies)?

9. Please send us one or two samples of your writing that you're proud of. These samples can be academic or non-academic writing, from the *Indy* or a class or anything! (This can be any length, and about anything. This should ideally be something you feel would reflect the type of work you're interested in doing next semester. We'd prefer you send something analytic—that is, a piece of writing with an argument or thesis).

10. What's an idea for an article you'd like to potentially write next semester?

11. What's your favorite Wikipedia page?

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Thank you so much for applying! We look forward to being in touch. Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Yours,
Tiara, Wen, and Ella

