

## **EDITORIAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Allied Newspapers offers a limited number of short editorial experience opportunities to those University of Malta students who have an interest in pursuing a career in journalism and media.

These placements at Times of Malta, The Sunday Times of Malta and timesofmalta.com are **unpaid** and **voluntary** and typically cover a two-month period from July to September in the company's Editorial Department (applicants are however asked to list their preferred time during the year for such a placement to take place).

The aim of a placement is to help students acquire a greater understanding of how a multi-platform news organisation works. Successful applicants will learn about different aspects of the profession, gaining an insight into the workings of the newspaper, website and our multimedia department. This may be achieved in a range of ways, from shadowing a journalist/designer/photographer/sub-editor/developer to getting involved in daily editorial activities.

### **Criteria**

Although there are no academic criteria to be considered for a placement – we think talent, potential and determination count for more than an academic background – you must nonetheless be a final year University student and must be able to demonstrate a genuine interest in the field of journalism (for example, involvement in student journalism, some work experience on local/specialist media, or a personal website or blog).

The aim of the scheme is to introduce aspiring journalists to an editorial environment and you will need to show a certain amount of flexibility in terms of working hours. Working at Allied Newspapers is not a Monday to Friday 9am-to-5pm job. You'll also be expected to demonstrate that you can work with a wide range of diverse colleagues and members of the public.

### **Applying for a placement is easy**

Send an email to [hr@timesofmalta.com](mailto:hr@timesofmalta.com) expressing your interest and in it include:

- 1) A brief CV together with a statement (max. 400 words) outlining why you are interested in a work placement at Allied Newspapers and how you feel you will benefit from it.
- 2) A statement (max. 400 words) explaining what editorial areas interest you the most. Include examples or cuttings of journalism you have produced (this can, of course, include links to online content).

Closing date for applications is **April 30, 2018**. If you are shortlisted, we'll invite you to an assessment/interview sometime in May. The scheme will commence in **July 2018**.