Health Reporter

Our rapidly growing news team needs a reporter adept at juggling quick turns and in-depth coverage of local health stories, with a focus on following the money. Health care is one of the biggest businesses in booming Fort Worth and, of course, plays a huge role in issues related to funding, equity and access. In all of our reporting, we seek to amplify the voices of Fort Worth and Tarrant County residents.

This position reports to the managing editor and to our content editor in working to produce world-class journalism with the goal of expanding our relevance, impact and reach. Strong digital and social media skills, plus an old-fashioned nose for hard news, required.

The health reporter is a problem-solver with the ability to work quickly and thoughtfully, adjusting based upon the needs of the story. The person loves the mix of local reporting we do at the Fort Worth Report.

At the Fort Worth Report, we live at the intersections of people and public policy. Our nonpartisan reporting centers on civic life, including government accountability, education, business, arts and culture, the environment and religion.

This is a full-time position with benefits.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

● Use clear, concise writing that makes complicated issues accessible and shows our audience why a story is important to them. Must be comfortable with photography, videography, data visualization and related tools. We’re an all-digital platform so our focus is on making our content shine online.

● Cultivate expertise in local health trends and issues to generate high-impact stories. Build trust with sources and, most importantly, our audience.

● Work with our audience, membership and events team to make our reporting smarter and more connected to our readers, viewers and listeners.
● Represent the Fort Worth Report in the community and at our public events. It is critical that our journalists are deeply embedded in Fort Worth and Tarrant County, always working to promote our mission.

● Schedule flexibility (limited evening, weekend and holiday work). We promote a life-work balance for our team.

QUALIFICATIONS:

● Good-natured, ambitious and ready to help build a new journalism initiative.

● 3 to 5 years of reporting experience.

● Varied multimedia experience, including video, audio and web storytelling. We collaborate with public broadcaster KERA and other nonprofits.

● Excellent communication skills and ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously and work under deadline pressure.

● Multiplatform experience, including writing and AP Style, shooting video, taking photos and posting to social media.

● Strong communication and interpersonal skills, with an ability to work cross-functionally with different departments and work styles. Proficiency in a foreign language is a plus but not required.

● Must be comfortable with fast-moving organizational culture. We look for solutions and new ways to connect with our audience.

● Handle other duties as may be assigned by senior editors.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

● Good written/verbal communication skills.

● Driver’s license, reliable transportation and current automobile insurance.
This is a full-time, exempt position. Travel and some nights/weekends will be required on an occasional basis.

We offer a competitive salary plus health insurance (medical, dental, vision), generous holiday, sick and vacation leave, and flexible work hours.

There are great candidates who might not check all these boxes or who hold important skills we haven’t listed. Don’t hesitate to apply and tell us about yourself. FWR is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to hiring employees from diverse backgrounds. People of color, women, LGBTQ+, and differently-abled people are strongly encouraged to apply.

As a new non-profit, we’re often called to wear many hats and jump in to help each other when the situation calls for it. We’re committed to maintaining a healthy work-life balance and providing a place for staff to feel supported in their professional growth and achieve ambitious goals.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

● Application deadline is July 31. Apply by email to hello@fortworthreport.org and Managing Editor Thomas Martinez, thomas.martinez@fortworthreport.org. You also may upload your material to our jobs portal at FortWorthReport.org. Please send a resume, cover letter and work samples.