



CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

POSITION SUMMARY:

Reporting to the Director of Creative Communications, is responsible for creating brand-identified broad-based content for multiple audiences. These digital and print communication vehicles include but are not limited to website and social media content, donor and beneficiary content to be deployed across content areas, and quarterly newsletters. Works closely with departments and units within the Foundation and across campus.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Connection, Engagement, Giving Donors Access to Beneficiaries

- Broad Based Communication – Develop department-level content for gift acknowledgements, newsletters and other communication vehicles – print and digital – that are designed for targeted audiences and adhere to philanthropic brand and other standards. Fact-check and edit broad-based communication vehicles.
- Broad Based Platforms – Create content and design for digital communication platforms, including website, email and social media. Collaborate with Advancement officers and Advancement Services teams to execute strategic digital solicitation and communication – including social media – aimed at different segments.

Knowledge Management and Generation

- Continuously refresh content bank at the departmental level; index content according to system standards.
- Deploy workflow and tracking in project management software for inter- and intra-team projects.
- Customer Service & Compliance
- Provide thorough, accurate and timely service for all internal and external stakeholder requests for communication products and demonstrate exemplary customer service in all exchanges.
- Work closely with Advancement officers and internal team to engage donors in the causes they care about and connect them to the beneficiaries of their philanthropy.

Leadership

- Provide strategic input for policies, procedures and process improvements through cross-team collaboration and participation.
- Build relationships with Advancement and other University colleagues in order to advance strategic initiatives in each unit.
- Take a team-oriented approach to problem solving and troubleshooting.
- Take responsibility for continued learning and participate in peer continuing education opportunities that inform evolving best practices.

Perform related responsibilities as required or assigned.



REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities

- Excellent communication skills, both written and oral, that emphasize a customer focus.
- Experience with content management systems and website maintenance, including design and content management.
- Ability to learn specific communications platforms, including website, employed by Foundation.
- Social media content development and platform management, including analytics.
- Ability to work independently without close oversight.
- Team player who productively engages with others at varying levels inside and outside the organization.
- Ability to meet multiple deadlines and priorities without sacrificing desired results.
- Flexible, open and receptive to new information, ideas and approaches. Seeks and acts upon performance feedback.
- Advanced knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite.
- Competent in the use of MS Office Suite and the Internet.
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Equivalent Education/Experience

- Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline.
- 1-2 years of related experience in communications work, preferably in a university environment.

Preferred Skills and Experience

- Basic technical knowledge of fund raising and development in an education or non-profit environment.

SALARY RANGE:

Salary commensurate with experience.