

VARSLITY

The Newspaper for the University of Cambridge

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Thank you for your interest in the position of Varsity Editor for Michaelmas Term 2024.

To apply, you should submit a document outlining your application for the position. Pairs who wish to co-edit the paper must submit a single jointly written document. It should contain the following:

Vision statement and assessment of Varsity's role in Cambridge.

A statement outlining your vision for the paper. This should include an account of how you would edit Varsity, editorial direction and general discussion on the title's reach and image. It should also include brief discussion of Varsity's role in Cambridge. In particular, we are looking for a focus on how you will manage online editorial content throughout term and the vacation periods. Now more than ever, it is critical that a steady stream of quality content, in particular news items are published on our website from the point that you take over from the outgoing Easter Editors (during the summer), throughout Michaelmas Term and the winter vacation - until you handover to the incoming Lent Editors, usually in early January and manage the successful production of the print (and online) versions of our newspaper.

Section-by-section critique

Go through all 'editorial' sections of the Varsity website online (News, Opinion, Sport etc) and offer your thoughts. For sections that will remain relatively unchanged (in terms of content etc – please note the design and layout of the website is essentially 'fixed' and not open to substantial changes/redesign at this time) a brief explanation is fine. Space should be devoted to sections being substantially changed, or any proposed introduction of new sections and also any proposed removal of existing sections. To be clear however, the Board is not seeking any major changes to the design or "house-style" of the newspaper and the website.

Ideas for changes

Any proposed changes to the structure and management of the Varsity student team.

Sample editorial (editor's letter)

This may be on any suitable topic and should be no more than 400 words.

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Personal statement

This should include a brief description of any relevant experience, as well as your subject and course and any other extracurricular activities which you will be participating in this Easter term. It should be no longer than 500 words.

Candidates are expected to have an excellent working knowledge of Adobe CC/InDesign, so please do detail any experience using this software.

In addition, the Editor position require leaderships skills (you will typically be managing a team of up to 100 people!), administrative skills and organisational ability - so please also detail any relevant experience in these areas.

The completed application must be no longer than 4,000 words in length. Your application should be packaged as a single PDF, and sent to the Varsity Business Manager, Mark Curtis business@varsity.co.uk by midday on Wednesday 5th June 2024.

Additional Information

Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be conducted on the morning of Monday 10th June 2024 by the VarSoc President, the current Editors, the Business Manager and the Varsity Chairman in his capacity as VarSoc senior treasurer. If invited for interview the Business Manager will send you a confidential pre-interview briefing document in order to help you prepare for this meeting.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you the best of luck with your application.

If you have any general questions about Varsity or the application process, please contact Michael Hennessey (VarSoc President) president@varsity.co.uk and if you have additional questions about the role of Editor, please contact the current Editors at editor@varsity.co.uk.