

News Director

Description

Based in the state capitol, Boise State Public Radio is the premier NPR affiliate in Idaho. Through 19 transmitters & translators, it reaches 2/3rds of the state's population. Its headquarters, situated along the Boise River, feature all-digital studios and some of the most loyal listeners in the market. The city of Boise is ranked as one of the "most livable" cities in America. It features a historic downtown, with a vibrant arts scene and an active, outdoors lifestyle. There are hundreds of sunny days and miles of trails in the foothills above the city. Boise State Public Radio is committed to expanding its news footprint in 2017. It is a key media presence in the state and has a growing regional impact across the Mountain West.

Position Overview

The News Director supervises all aspects of the Boise State Public Radio news department, including assigning and editing stories for newscasts, planning features stories and local news and public service programming. The News Director supervises the news department staff, assigning stories and providing long range department planning. The News Director also reports and produces features, stories, and interviews on an as-needed basis. This person also serves as a backup host for the news magazine shows and would be available for voice-tracking pre-recorded programs. The News Director would be expected to work well with other associated editorial staff, such as the Regional Journalism Centers (RJC's) and editorial partnerships with other media organizations. This individual must understand budgeting, personnel management and the technical aspects of radio. In addition to having a firm understanding of the community service role of noncommercial broadcast journalism, he or she must also have solid news judgment – the ability to determine which stories are most informative and the greatest value to the communities Boise State Public Radio serves.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

1. Directs the gathering and the production of news in the form of newscast material, features, spots, wraps, interviews and long form radio programs for broadcast.
2. Oversees day to day news department operation as well as long-range department planning, including assigning and editing full time and part time staff ensuring that news issues are adequately addressed for Boise State Public Radio's listeners. Also collaborates with the station's Regional Journalism Center (RJC) to include and provide news of regional interest
3. Recruits, hires and supervises department personnel, including station reporters, full time and part time staff, students, interns, volunteers and freelancers.

4. Serves on an as-needed basis for Boise State Public Radio's public affairs programming including special election coverage and local daily show and quarterly series.
5. Works with other Boise State Public Radio staff to develop and execute the distribution of news through all digital platforms.
6. Develops annual strategic plan for news department and oversees fiscal direction of news department under the advisement of Boise State Public Radio's business office.
7. Ensures compliance with university policies and federal, state, and local regulations governing news coverage.
8. Is responsible for creating and maintaining the Quarterly Issues and programs report for the public file in accordance with FCC regulations.
9. Performs miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned including on-air fundraising efforts.

Qualifications

Minimum Qualification (Including Certificates and Licenses)

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent plus 5 years experience, including 1 year managerial experience.

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or Master's degree in Journalism or related field.

Salary range: \$54,600 - \$62,700 per year plus an excellent benefits package for eligible employees.

Application Instructions: [Upload a cover letter and resume](#) that indicates your interest and qualifications for this position. Applications received by February 15, 2017, will receive full consideration. Applications received after February 15, 2017, may be considered if the position is not filled from the initial applicant pool.