

Early career journalism graduates – career opportunities for UTS journalism graduates with Guardian Australia in rural and regional Queensland.

Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, Guardian Australia, and the UTS Centre for Media Transition (CMT) are working together on a project to increase news coverage of rural and regional Australia. This project includes Guardian Australia building a rural and regional network, aided by UTS journalism graduates appointed for one-year postings.

These graduates will be employed by Guardian Australia (not UTS), and will be located and embedded in small- to medium-sized newsrooms of independent media in rural and regional centres. They will report to the Rural Network editor, Gabrielle Chan, as well as file approximately two stories per week to the local paper where they are embedded, as directed by the local editor or their representative.

CMT will conduct research into the impact of this and other rural and regional reporting on state and national political and economic debate, and models which may be financially viable to better ensure representation of rural and regional issues in mainstream media.

The next role will be commencing in August 2023 and applications for this position are open now.

About the Role

Job Title: Rural and Regional Reporter, based in Warwick, Queensland

Role Description: This position will be appointed for a one-year period to primarily report for Guardian Australia. As the position is to be located in the regional Queensland town of Warwick, the position will provide approximately two stories per week to the [Town and Country Journal](#). You will be responsible for generating and developing ideas from the area to which you are posted, as well as surrounding regional areas for stories and investigations. This will involve finding various ways of telling stories, including through news and features, analysis, data, podcasts and video, as directed by Guardian Australia, whilst stories for the Town and Country Journal Queensland will be developed under the guidance of the publication's editor. The successful candidate will have demonstrated news-breaking potential or experience, good knowledge and understanding of domestic news and the ability to generate ideas for news and investigations. The reporter will have an ability to work in a fast-changing news environment, the ability to engage with social media to promote stories and uncover information, excellent writing skills and a good understanding of media law. They will also have an ability to make contacts and develop story areas, and ideally break exclusives in those areas. Video and/or audio experience would be an advantage. The position will report to Guardian Australia's

Rural and Regional Editor, Gabrielle Chan. Travel within the region is required; the successful candidate must have a licence and car.

Person Specification

The successful candidate will have excellent writing, communication and interpersonal skills. They will have the ability to deal with the stresses associated with tight deadlines; a strong news sense and ability to generate fresh ideas and angles. The candidate will be a team player who is organised and able to multitask.

UTS journalism graduates who completed their studies between Spring 2019 and Autumn 2023 are invited to apply. Applications from current journalism students who will complete their studies at the end of the Spring session in 2023 will be considered. Applications are to be made to the email listed below.

The full job description is available upon request.

Location: Warwick, Queensland (approximately four weeks initial training to be done at Guardian Australia's Sydney office)

Dates of Employment: August 2023 to August 2024

Applications close on 4 August

Candidates can apply by emailing their CV and cover letter to; australia.hr@theguardian.com. Please include "Rural reporter Queensland" in the subject line of your email.