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**TELEVISION ACADEMY FOUNDATION REDESIGNS 2021  
SUMMER INTERNSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS TO  
PROVIDE ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
DURING PANDEMIC**

**Applications Now Open for 55 Remote Opportunities for Graduate  
and Undergraduate Students**

**(NOHO ARTS DISTRICT, Calif., Nov. 17, 2020)** – The Television Academy Foundation today announced the restructuring of its 2021 Summer Internship and Fellowship programs for college students nationwide, offering enhanced professional development for students facing an uncertain job market due to the pandemic. Applications for the 2021 summer program may be filed now through Jan. 19, 2021, at [TelevisionAcademy.com/Internships](https://www.televisionacademy.com/internships).

Among the 55 career-advancing opportunities are 20 full-time paid remote internships in program development in a variety of television genres. Additionally, the Foundation offers the “*Star Trek* Command Training Program,” founded in partnership with CBS Studios, which offers immersive professional experiences within the *Star Trek* franchise, as well as internships for Los Angeles-area foster youth, provided through an endowment gift from Dick Wolf’s Wolf Family Foundation. These summer programs will run from mid-June through mid-August 2021.

The Foundation will also provide more educational and career-building opportunities with 30 remote summer fellowships in 18 different television disciplines including directing, animation, casting, interactive media and scriptwriting. The summer fellows will experience one-on-one flash mentorships with industry pros, online educational panel discussions with entertainment professionals, and customized seminars on personal brand building and navigating the job market. All chosen interns and fellows become lifelong members of the Television Academy’s alumni

network, gaining access to exclusive networking opportunities, industry events and an online alumni platform launching in 2021.

“The Foundation’s Internship and Fellowship programs serve as a pathway to employment for aspiring students,” said Madeline Di Nonno, chair of the Television Academy Foundation. “We provide unique opportunities for students to gain experience and network with top creative and executive talent, which can directly impact their career. The challenges of launching a career post-graduation during the COVID-19 pandemic is daunting. We are committed to offering these outstanding students added remote opportunities to help further their professional development during these unprecedented times.”

A fundamental precept for the Internship Program is to identify, educate and empower an inclusive group of future television leaders. Finalists for these prestigious and coveted opportunities are selected by members of the Television Academy; the final selection is made by participating host companies such as Valhalla Entertainment, Act III Productions and The Wolper Organization. The program is designed to train, inspire and open doors for diverse and highly motivated students who might not otherwise have access to the industry.

Since its inception in 1980, the Foundation’s Internship Program has been instrumental in launching the careers of prominent writers, producers, directors, executives, and Emmy® nominees and winners. Notable Foundation alumni include: four-time Emmy-winner **Rachel Axler** (*Veep*), five-time Emmy-nominee **Kristen Bartlett** (*Full Frontal with Samantha Bee*; *Saturday Night Live*), *The Sopranos* producer **Martin Bruestle**, CNN correspondent **Natasha Chen**, Emmy-winning animator **Jorge R. Gutierrez** (*El Tigre: The Adventures of Manny Rivera*; *The Book of Life*), two-time Emmy-winner **Craig Mazin** (*Chernobyl*), writer/director **Gina Prince-Bythewood** (*The Secret Life of Bees*; *The Old Guard*) and FX Networks Vice President of Development **Kevin Wandell**.

The 2021 Internship and Fellowship programs are available to eligible graduate and undergraduate students. To apply visit [TelevisionAcademy.com/Internships](https://www.televisionacademy.com/internships).

### **About the Television Academy Foundation**

Established in 1959 as the charitable arm of the Television Academy, the Television Academy Foundation is dedicated to preserving the legacy of television while educating and inspiring those who will shape its future. Through renowned educational and outreach programs, such as [The Interviews: An Oral History of Television Project](#), [College Television Awards](#) and [Student Internship Program](#), the Foundation seeks to widen the circle of voices our industry represents and to create

more opportunity for television to reflect all of society. For more information on the Foundation, please visit [TelevisionAcademy.com/Foundation](https://www.televisionacademy.com/foundation).

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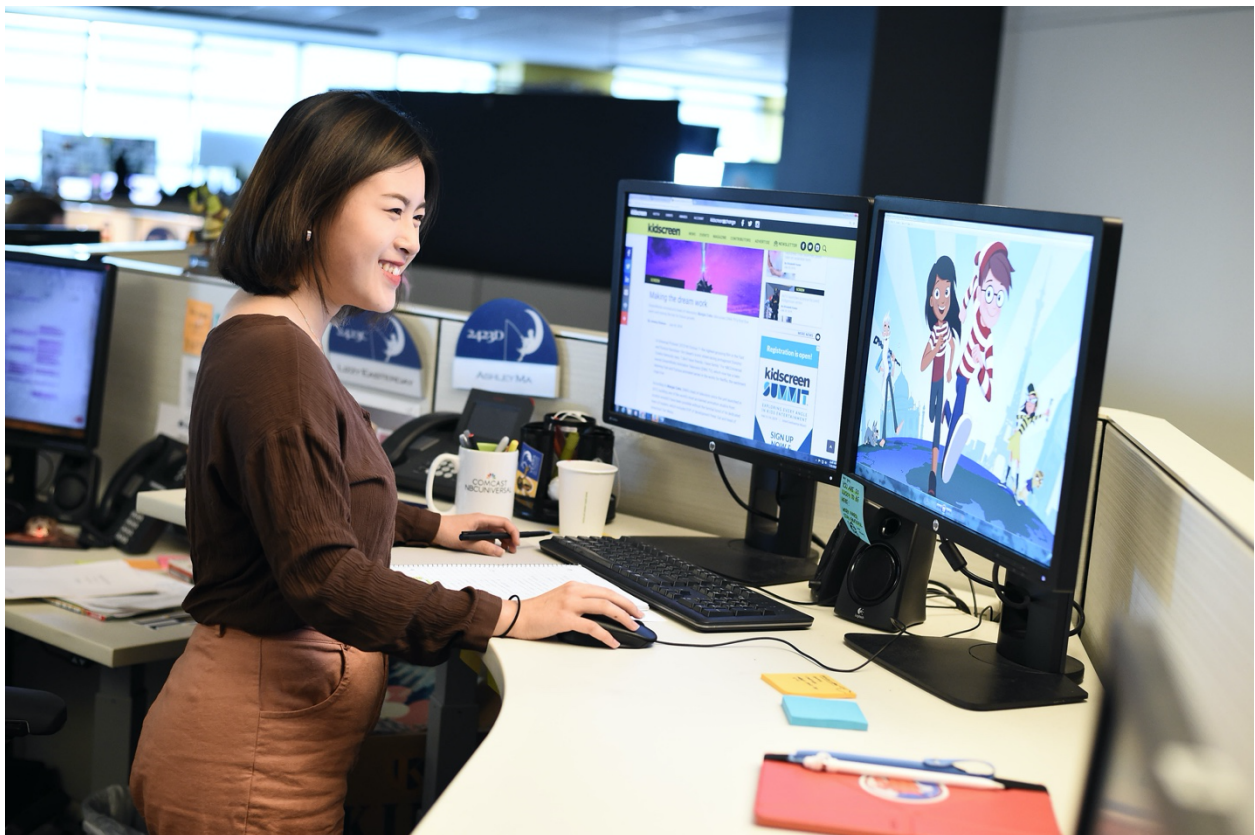
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2018 Television Academy Foundation animation intern Ashley Ma at DreamWorks in Glendale, California. (Photo by Dan Steinberg/Invision for the Television Academy/AP Images)