Alumni and Careers

Graduating from Medill makes you part of our elite and well-connected alumni network. Our alumni are leaders at top media companies around the world. Once you're part of that network, you'll join a community of more than 15,000 Medill alumni who regularly interact and collaborate. They know the power of a Medill degree and can help you navigate the ever-changing media landscape.

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You can find out more and ask questions about the MSJ program through our  
in-person and online sessions.

meeting us on the road.  
Medill staff and faculty regularly travel to  
professional conferences, graduate  
education fairs and other events to meet  
with prospective students.

scheduling a visit.  
Visit us on the Evanston campus or in the  
Chicago newsroom to sit in on a class,  
meet a faculty member or take a tour.

participating in Preview Days.  
Medill holds an annual event to introduce  
prospective students to the MSJ program  
and to give you the chance to see for  
yourself what Medill is all about.

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Medill’s graduate journalism program is one of the best of its kind in the world. Our one-year program will prepare you with practical training in reporting, editing and producing multi-platform stories, preparing you to start your career in media.

Medill’s MSJ program emphasizes a strong foundation in writing and reporting, while also developing crucial digital skills. You will learn how to tell powerful stories whether they are for a magazine, video, website or app, broadcast, newspaper, documentary or interactive graphic. You’ll build on your understanding each quarter in the program. You can create innovative media products with the Knight Lab, a team dedicated to advancing media that’s based at Northwestern and housed at Medill.

Medill has newsrooms in Chicago and Washington, where you can report on important stories and follow our learn-by-doing tradition. In 2016, Medill and Northwestern’s McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science will launch a space in San Francisco and work on collaborative projects in the heart of the Bay Area and near Silicon Valley. You’ll also have the opportunity to travel abroad through our Global Journalism Residency Program, our Medill Explores program and our immersion reporting projects. Your Medill experience culminates in a capstone, where you’ll produce a portfolio-worthy project.

Medill will prepare you to make an impact immediately. Our hands-on program means you’ll be creating work and telling stories throughout your time at Medill. We regularly partner with professional publications, giving you the opportunity to see your work published as a student.

When you graduate from Medill, you’ll also join the larger Northwestern alumni network and be part of our tight-knit community.

Global Residency and Medill Explores

There are many opportunities to study and report outside of the classroom as a Medill MSJ student.

Global Residency (optional fifth quarter):
No journalism school in the world has a program like Medill’s Global Residency. You can work at a major news organization in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East or South America. You will work side-by-side with the best in the business. The experience often catapults students into world-class jobs in the U.S. and abroad.

Medill Explores
For one week, classes will pause and you’ll get the opportunity to delve into particular topics of interest or travel for special projects and experiences. Locations vary each year. Recent trips have sent students to ESPN studios in Bristol, Connecticut, and to SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park, California, as well as Argentina to explore the importance of street art and Pakistan to collaborate with local journalists.