BridgeDetroit, REPORTER

BridgeDetroit is distinctly different from every other media outlet in our city. We’re a nonprofit, community-centered news organization specifically designed to understand and respond to Detroiters’ critical information needs. Our homegrown team of reporters and organizers live and work in the communities we cover. We take the time to build authentic relationships with our fellow Detroiters and promise to represent residents’ priorities and experiences with dignity, intention and respect.

We invite you to join us on this journey as we create a new model for local journalism, one that is accessible to all Detroiters and for all Detroiters.

The successful candidate(s) will join a small, collaborative team to deliver high-quality daily reporting on issues prioritized by Detroit’s residents.

Detroiters have told us that they want more public transparency in local government. Detroiters have also said that they want BridgeDetroit to cover the following issues:

- Voting rights
- Environmental justice and climate change
- Economic development and small business news
- Housing
- Community Development
- Arts and Culture
- Other issues to be identified by Detroit residents

The ideal candidate is a reporter who wants to break news, show how it influences life far outside of the corridors of power, go beyond the obvious news of the day and produce regular enterprise reporting. They will also put Detroit residents’ concerns at the center of their reporting.
We seek career professionals with a strong connection to the City of Detroit, its residents, institutions and communities. We are also looking for:

- Three to five years of experience in journalism
- Experience working with spreadsheets and databases
- Committed to in-person reporting at community events and meetings
- Ability to discover unique story angles and develop stories you won’t find anywhere else
- Editing experience and/or editing interest, in assistance to senior editors, is also appreciated

BridgeDetroit has offices in Detroit (in addition to Center for Michigan offices in Lansing and Ypsilanti). The job will require in-person reporting in Detroit, but we are flexible otherwise and trust reporters to determine their best work environment.

BridgeDetroit is an independent project of The Center for Michigan. The Center for Michigan is a nonprofit that relies on individual donors, sponsors and philanthropic support and also publishes Bridge Michigan, a 10-year old statewide publication dedicated to fact-based, nonpartisan journalism as a crucial resource for good decisions about public policy and civic life.

The targeted compensation for this position begins at $60,000 annually and will be commensurate with experience. Benefits include medical, vision and dental insurance, 4-6 weeks of maternity/paternity/adoption leave, and a minimum three weeks paid time off per year, in addition to eight paid holidays.

To apply, email jobs@bridgedetroit.com and write “Reporter” in the subject line. Candidates should include a cover letter explaining how they would approach the position, four to seven work samples and a resume.

The Center for Michigan is an equal opportunity employer, committed to diversity in our workforce and creating an inclusive environment. As we work toward building an organization that better reflects the communities we serve, we especially encourage members of traditionally underrepresented communities to apply, including people of color, women, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and people with disabilities. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment. The Center for Michigan will not discriminate in its employment practices due to an applicant's race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including familial status, gender identity, and sexual orientation), age, disability/handicap, height, weight, marital status, familial status, veteran status, citizenship, or any other classification protected by federal or state law or local ordinance.

Applications should be submitted to jobs@bridgedetroit.com no later than Friday, February 11, 2022.