MEDILL EVANSTON ROUNDTABLE REPORTING FELLOWSHIP

The Evanston RoundTable, the community’s leading source of news about local government, schools, civic and artistic activities, is partnering with Northwestern University to offer a one-year full-time fellowship to cover race and social justice in Evanston. The candidate should be prepared to pursue the following throughout the fellowship:

- The historic reparations work underway in Evanston
- Educational equity and achievement, including the building of a new school in the city’s historically Black neighborhood and rollout of the new racial equity curriculum
- Police reform
- Issues related to affordable housing and homelessness

Qualifications:

- Interest and experience in local news reporting
- Interest in social and racial justice journalism
- Strong writing skills, proficient in AP style
- Demonstrated skills at managing a beat, and high productivity
- Multimedia skills, especially familiarity with photographing events and meetings, are a plus, though not required

The Fine Print:

The reporting fellow will be expected to take a proactive role on the RoundTable editorial team, covering city meetings, pitching long-form features and helping produce a daily email newsletter, the RoundTable’s premier product that goes out
to more than 9,000 daily subscribers. This is not a traditional 9-5 job — in addition to enterprise reporting on the racial justice beat, the fellow will cover night meetings and produce about four stories per week.

This is a hybrid role, though RoundTable reporters should expect to be meeting sources and reporting at meetings and events around town in person.

- The fellow will be awarded $50,000 for the year
- The fellow will be benefits eligible through Northwestern University
- Start date will be dependent on the chosen candidate’s availability
- The fellow will receive consistent support and mentorship from journalists and editors at The Evanston RoundTable as well as faculty members at Medill

Journalists of color are strongly encouraged to apply, as are those who believe their lived experiences would contribute to diversifying coverage at The Evanston RoundTable. To apply, please send a resume, cover letter, and 3-5 relevant clips to tracy@evanstonroundtable.com.

The Evanston RoundTable is a non-profit newsroom that publishes news available to all residents of Evanston, Illinois at no charge.