

**THE 2016-17 ROGER EBERT FELLOWSHIPS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

The Roger Ebert Fellowships were established in 2015 in honor of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic and UIUC Journalism graduate Roger Ebert. The fellowships, created in conjunction with the forthcoming Roger Ebert Center at the College of Media, are designed to help student journalists prepare for an increasingly competitive arts journalism job market.

Two undergraduate students will be selected as Ebert Fellows for the 2016-17 academic year. Working with an adviser and mentor, they will develop and strengthen their writing, radio, video and storytelling skills across a broad multimedia platform, working with Illinois Public Media, the Daily Illini, and other outlets. We're looking for young writers with a passion for connecting readers and audiences with arts and entertainment across a broad spectrum.

The fellows will hone their writing and interviewing skills, sharpen their critical eye, attend screenings and stage productions, and cover a broad array of subjects. They'll gain knowledge and experience they can use in both their academic and future journalism careers.

TO APPLY: Submit two writing samples, published or unpublished – a feature story, commentary, review or interview on an arts-related topic, along with a brief bio. Short-form audio or video also accepted and encouraged. Send materials to Rich Martin, Head, Department of Journalism, at richmart@illinois.edu or 119 Gregory Hall.

APPLICATION DUE: 5 p.m., Monday, March 7, 2016.

STIPEND: \$3,000 for the duration of the fellowship for Academic Year 2016-17.

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