



HEALTH REPORTER, MULTIMEDIA

Bridge Michigan, the state's preeminent public policy online news site, seeks a health reporter to amplify our award-winning statewide health coverage.

The ideal candidate has an investigative mindset and experience in multimedia storytelling including video, photography and graphics and data visualization. We seek a generous teammate to join a growing newsroom that is dedicated to producing great journalism, making public policy relatable and preserving reporters' work-life balance.

We seek a reporter with a track record of great scoops, clips as well as video journalism and knowledge of databases and computer-assisted reporting. You'll be joining a team that already has one great health reporter and a team of reporters and editors who will bend over backwards to help you produce the best work of your career. We will support you with training, mentorships and generous budgets for travel and records requests.

We are adding a second health reporter because of overwhelming interest from our readers — and because it's important in a state with an aging population and significant research institutions. We are also looking to expand how we tell stories and engage with audiences.

We seek someone who can make stories accessible across all of Bridge's platforms on topics including disease, scientific breakthroughs, the realities of physical and mental health care, insurance and hospitals, disability and lifestyle issues. We want this person to uncover what works — and what doesn't — in the health-sphere and provide possible solutions.

This is not a breaking news job, but we should be responsive to news, so deadline stories are required. Bridge Michigan's brand is built on revelatory enterprise, and we will give you the time and space to produce those stories.

Bridge Michigan is one of America's great civic news organizations, with secure funding and a clear mission to improve Michigan through our reporting. We are committed to lifting diverse, often ignored voices and covering the state in an equitable manner — but we are also zealously nonpartisan and committed to questioning conventional wisdom in our reporting.

The entire Center for Michigan team is expected to dedicate themselves to improving Bridge Michigan's people-first culture, public outreach and journalistic excellence. We are <u>proud of our values</u> and try to incorporate them in all we do. All Center for Michigan employees are expected to follow our <u>Ethics and Conflict of Interest policy</u>.

Position Requirements

- Minimum of five years' of experience in journalism, including experience covering health-related topics
- A portfolio of work that can include traditional news stories, videos, newsletters or something else altogether

- A creative mindset, deep knowledge of healthcare. Knowledge of Michigan is a plus, as is a willingness to get out of the office and into field throughout the state.
- A commitment to fairness, seeing all sides, a willingness to be surprised and follow facts.
- A collaborative mindset and generous spirit. We want our reporters to be aggressive, but they need to be good co-workers.

Bridge Michigan has offices in Lansing and southeast Michigan. This is not a remote job, and the successful applicant must be based (or move) to Michigan. Otherwise, we are flexible and trust reporters to determine their best work environments.

How to Apply

If you're interested in applying, please submit an application to jobs@bridgemi.com and write "Health Reporter" in the subject line. Include a resume, a detailed cover letter explaining how you would approach the position, including coverage areas and four to seven work samples. **Candidates should submit their application by March 14.**

About The Center for Michigan and This Position

Bridge Michigan is a publication of the nonpartisan, nonprofit Center for Michigan. All staff of Bridge Michigan are employees of the Center for Michigan.

Founded in 2006, the Center for Michigan is a nonprofit organization dedicated to making Michigan better through high-quality, nonpartisan journalism and engagement.

The Center for Michigan offers competitive salaries and flexible work arrangements. The expected base salary range for this position is **\$65,000 to \$80,000** annually. Our offices have a casual environment and we respect work-life balance. Benefits at the Center for Michigan include:

- Medical, vision and dental insurance (90% employer paid for employee and eligible dependents)
- Telehealth services (100% employer-paid for employee and eligible dependents)
- 1% 401(k) match
- 4-6 weeks of maternity/paternity/adoption leave
- Minimum three weeks paid time off per year
- Eight paid holidays
- Monthly phone stipend
- Annual professional development and subscription allowances

The Center for Michigan is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to diversity in its workforce, creating an inclusive environment and building an organization that better reflects its communities and encourages 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 pregnancy, 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.