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## **Tysons Transformation Correspondent**

Tysons is the 12th largest employment center in the United States and the nation's largest "edge city," comparable in office square footage to the downtowns of Cleveland or Minneapolis and slated to double to the size of Philadelphia or San Francisco.

Businesses, residents, landowners, elected officials, and others in Tysons agree on a vision to transform the "four square miles of suburban office park and retail mecca into a dynamic, urban environment" including "walkable, bikeable transportation infrastructure," "urban amenities," and "a diversified mix of housing with a range of affordable options."

Greater Greater Washington (ggwash.org), a widely-read news and advocacy organization covering housing and transportation in Virginia, Maryland, and DC, is seeking a writer with journalism and/or urban planning experience to cover efforts toward this transformation, including how plans for Tysons will evolve in light of the public health and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This reporter will delve into the urban planning principles, elected official statements, business association proposals, and other discussions taking place among Tysons stakeholders to inform people, with an "explanatory journalism" bent, about the forces shaping Tysons and how they are evolving in the current environment.

### **Responsibilities**

- Write 2 to 4 articles per month (most approximately 500-800 words, with some approximately 1,500 words) for publication on Greater Greater Washington.
- Submit pitches to the editorial staff and participate in periodic phone calls to discuss the direction of reporting. Make edits to articles as requested by the editorial staff.
- Take photographs during the course of reporting as appropriate.
- Meet with organizations identified by the editorial staff, attend community meetings and public events, and build sources among government officials, community members, advocates, and others in Tysons.

- Following the end of the public health emergency, travel to GGWash offices in Washington, DC up to once per month for training and/or meetings with GGWash staff.

## About you

You should apply if you meet 75-80% of the following criteria:

- You are interested and committed to principles of urbanism and GGWash's vision of thriving, accessible, diverse, sustainable, and walkable urban places.
- You have experience writing for a general public audience including at least 1 year of experience in a written digital medium.
- Experience with urban planning and economic development (as a journalist or through academic or professional work) is strongly preferred.
- Familiarity with Tysons and Northern Virginia is preferred.
- You are able to find, pitch, and execute reported stories. You are self-directed and driven, capable of maximizing performance and operating with significant autonomy.
- Proficiency with social media is a plus.

People who reflect underrepresented voices within the journalism, urban planning, and/or transportation professions are encouraged to apply, including people of color, women, and/or non-gender conforming individuals, and people from or who currently live in areas that are under-resourced or have been negatively impacted by historic urban planning policies.

Compensation will be according to a schedule per story totaling up to \$800 per month for four stories or \$400 for two, plus reimbursement for direct travel and meal expenses of up to \$200 per month if incurred during reporting or other required tasks.

The position requires a flexible schedule to work a combination of time during the business day and evening or weekend time for reporting. Access to a car is not required.

Correspondents are independent contractors who will utilize their own equipment and set their own schedules (other than attending required meetings) to fulfill the job requirements.

Greater Greater Washington provides equal employment opportunities to all applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability.

To apply, please send the following to [jobs@ggwash.org](mailto:jobs@ggwash.org) with "Tysons Correspondent" in the subject line:

- Resume
- Three clips
- Cover letter explaining your interest in and your qualifications for the position

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.