



Juneau, Alaska

Position Announcement

### **Climate & Weather Reporter**

#### **POSITION OVERVIEW:**

KTOO is looking for an experienced journalist or science communicator to come work in our award-winning newsroom in Juneau. Come see what local news is all about with a team that has a strong sense of collaboration, strategy, empathy, equity and inclusion.

We need a reporter who knows the difference between weather and climate, but also understands the intersection of the two. There are both long-term and short-term information needs in the community related to the weather. Climate change is bringing more frequent heavy rainstorms to the region as well as an increased risk of landslides. Juneau is unique in the world for its vulnerability to urban avalanches. There are food and energy security issues to explore as well as impacts on health and culture. There are plenty of solutions stories, too, and we need someone who knows how to bring hope and agency through their reporting to the communities we serve.

In order to succeed in this newsroom, you should be interested in building relationships with historically underrepresented communities and want to approach any reporting you do on climate impacts with an equity lens.

You'll produce news stories in a variety of formats for broadcast, web and social media. Our editors are here to help guide your reporting and make sure it meets our audiences where they are.

All KTOO reporters are expected to be able to keep up with daily regional news stories on deadline while working away on longer, enterprise reporting. You'll be expected to serve a local audience with news of local and regional importance and to also file relevant stories with the statewide public radio network and national outlets. We support and encourage reporters to pitch and work with national outlets to promote a full and realistic portrayal of Alaska life.

This position reports to the Managing Editor and works closely with other editors and reporters to identify and develop story ideas.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Produce well-written, thoughtful news stories for web and broadcast

- Record and edit audio for daily broadcast, especially using field recording equipment, but also using studio recording equipment
- Seek out diverse sources for news stories, striving to put voices and perspectives on the air that our audience has never heard from or would not hear from otherwise
- Collaborate with the news team on special reporting series, podcasts and videos

**Successful candidates will likely have the following skills and competencies OR demonstrate that they have equivalent skills based on lived experience:**

- Experience working in a newsroom or similar workplace, writing about climate, science, energy, environment or similar topics
- Experience building relationships with historically underrepresented communities and approaching reporting with an equity lens
- Strong writing skills, proven news judgment, and journalistic integrity
- Experience working with cross-functional teams across an organization
- Confidence in your own voice and in being yourself on the radio
- Enthusiasm for local news
- Willingness to learn new equipment, skills and workflows and the desire to constantly improve your craft

**ABOUT US:**

KTOO has a mid-sized newsroom in a small market, which means we have robust reporting power and a strong presence and reputation in the community.

Our editorial focus is a mix of stories of local and statewide importance. Our reporters focus on city governance, housing, tourism & other local economic drivers, social justice, Alaska Native culture and governance, health and science, and climate.

KTOO supports station-wide efforts to increase diversity and inclusion. The newsroom is committed to consciously seeking out voices, perspectives and stories not found in other outlets or in the media at all. We keep track of the gender and race and/or ethnicity of all our sources and strive to source our stories with diversity and inclusivity in mind.

We also know that a diverse and inclusive staff will lead to stronger reporting and a deeper connection to communities we serve. We strongly encourage women and non-binary candidates; Alaska Native, Indigenous and people of color; people with disabilities and those with diverse economic and educational backgrounds to apply. You will be supported by our team.

KTOO is honored to broadcast on Lingít Aaní. Our studios sit on what was once tideland, and is the home of the Áak'w Kwáan L'eeneidí, or Dog Salmon People. We respect the Lingít people for the care of this land and these waterways for thousands of years.

**Deadline:** Open until filled.

**Salary:** Annual salary of \$55,510. Plus competitive benefits including health insurance, retirement plan, paid leave and holidays, and 20 weeks of family leave.

**Apply:** online at <https://www.ktoo.org/job-opportunities/apply-online/>

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