

Opinions Editor

The opinions editor will share the task of managing the opinions section with the Front Office — writing and editing columns and headlines, managing columnists, editing letters, maintaining various blogs and curating additional opinions content such as tweets and “street” interviews on current events. The opinion editor will also work to solicit op-eds from major stakeholders in the Western and London community, including but not limited to the mayor, city councillors, Western faculty and administration and student leaders. Most importantly, the opinion editor should have good judgment. This means knowing what is appropriate to publish and what is not. Ideally, this editor will also have a good sense of humour to lighten up the paper.

This position is full-time. The editor will be required to be in the office four to five days a week (9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) when they are not in class, and be available to work from home if necessary.

These responsibilities are subject to change by FO’s discretion. Other duties as assigned.

Responsibilities:

- Strong editing and writing skills
- Basic knowledge of Canadian Press style
- Strong interest in current affairs, both within and outside Western
- Ability to communicate with a wide range of people and to refrain from outward signs of personal biases
- Must be self-motivated and able to work independently
- Sense of humour is an asset
- Ability to use social media actively to engage with our audience

Application Requirements:

- Please provide three opinions columns, preferably published
- Provide a resume with applicable work and volunteer experience
- Note: This position is reserved for returning editors