

Still We Rise Podcast Host

Background

Reflections seeks to chronicle a more personal and inclusive history of the University of Virginia by collecting and sharing the stories of University students, staff, faculty, alumni, and Charlottesville community members who have contributed to its rich and complex institutional narrative. With the ongoing participation of members from across the University and Charlottesville communities, we hope to encourage intergenerational transfer of knowledge and a more comprehensive, diversified collection of stories that enrich and carry our University's history forward.

Motivated by 2020's constant reminders of racial injustice, Reflections: Oral Histories at UVa has been moved to create a podcast exploring race, equality, and equity at the University of Virginia over the last half-century with the intention of initiating profound, provocative, and ongoing dialogue about racial injustice and the Black experience within our university community. By taking a close look at where we have come from, we can do the difficult work of creating a better future.

Position Description

Still We Rise is seeking a podcast host for all episodes produced during the 2021-22 academic year. This individual will join a student production team and report to both podcast producers and Reflections' director. The host should be organized, capable of leading independent research, articulate, with excellent oral communication skills, and able to work collaboratively to meet deadlines. The primary roles can be broken into the following categories:

- Collaborating: The entire Still We Rise team will be included in the process of planning each episode, event, and publication. The host will collaborate with the other members of the team, particularly when it comes to outlining episode topics and interviews.
- Research: For each episode, the host will be solely responsible for conducting all of the relevant research to contextualize the topic, conversation, and interviews. Research involves utilizing scholarly articles and historical archives specific to UVA and more broadly to develop a rich understanding of our selected topics.
- Interviewing: Each podcast episode will feature three or more interviews with students, alumni, experts/faculty, administrators, and community members. The podcast host will be

responsible for working with the production team to identify people to interview. For each episode the host will then contact these individuals, schedule, and conduct interviews with guests. Additionally, the host will work in collaboration with the production team to develop interview questions for each interview.

• Recording: In addition to recording the audio from each interview, the host will also have to record commentary and contextualization for each episode.

We are looking for a host who is passionate about storytelling and the University's history. Previous podcast, journalism, or other interview and research experience is preferred but not required. The host should expect to work an average of 10 hours per week throughout the school year. Episodes are released on a monthly basis and various periods in the production process are more labor intensive than others. Hours and payment are therefore subject to change. The host will be compensated a competitive student wage.

How to Apply

If you are interested in applying please complete <u>this application</u>. All applications are due by 11:59 pm on July 17, 2021. Selected candidates will be contacted for an interview. However, only one person will be hired for this position. For more information visit the <u>Reflections website</u>. If you have any additional questions please email <u>reflectionsuva@gmail.com</u> with the subject line "STILL WE RISE HOST INQUIRY (YOUR NAME)"