

Crucial Comix Publishing Intern

Crucial Comix is a teaching press that publishes narrative nonfiction comics and runs classes on comics-making practices. This is a remote or in-person internship that reports to publisher Shay Mirk in Portland, Oregon.

We're looking for an intern who cares about comics—someone who's an illustrator, designer, self-publisher, or zine-maker—and who wants experience working in media. Ideally, interns will be early on their path of working in comics and would benefit from getting professional work experience. The intern will review submissions to Crucial and sit in on editorial meetings to help decide what we publish, upload comics to the website, format the comics for Instagram, and design graphics to promote our classes on social media and in our newsletter.

We're looking for interns who either have existing experience or the desire to learn how to make social media content, such as using Canva and creating Instagram Reels. We're also open to helping the intern learn about whatever aspects of comics interests them, including getting experience writing or drawing comics collaboratively, or publishing zines.

How do I apply?

→ [Please fill out this application](#). You're welcome to email Shay with specific questions: smirk@crucialcomix.com

Application dates:

Spring 2026 internship, applications open December 15, 2025 - January 30 2026

Summer 2026 internship, applications open February 1 - March 15, 2025

Fall 2026 internship, applications open May 1 - June 20, 2025

Who can be an intern?

People of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to apply. This internship can be remote or in-person in Portland, Oregon.

Crucial prioritizes interns who are students who are either getting school credit for internships or who can apply for grants from their schools to cover the cost of interning. But anyone is welcome to apply, interns do not have to be enrolled in a school program. We're looking for people who will benefit from what we have to offer: professional development, experience publishing comics online, and financial transparency of what running a small press looks like.

How long is the internship?

The internship calendar is very flexible to work around interns' existing work and school schedules. We work one-on-one with each intern to create a schedule. But internships require roughly 8-10 hours of work a week for 12-16 weeks. Crucial takes on only three interns per year.

How are interns compensated?

As a benefit of the internship, interns are invited to take all classes and workshops Crucial offers for free during the year that they are an intern.

For students who are able to get school credit or institutional funding for doing an internship, Crucial does not offer additional funding. For people who are not able to get school credit or funding for internships, Crucial offers a \$500 honorarium.

What do interns do?

This is a menu of options for tasks an intern can do.

✨ Making content for social media ✨

- Formatting comics for Instagram
- Making graphics to advertise classes, workshops, and events
- Finding comics and opportunities on Instagram that we can promote
- Writing posts for Bluesky
- Making reels
- Generating their own ideas for what we can post

Weighing in on editorial process

- Make the monthly submissions document
- Brainstorm ideas for topics we may want to solicit pitches on
- Attend the editorial meetings and weigh in on pitches

Making content for website and newsletter

- Writing alt text
- Create content for our newsletter, such as reviewing comics and interviewing artists
- Putting together rough drafts of workshop/class pages
- Uploading comics to the website
- Taking product photos and uploading zines to the website and Etsy

Optional ideas

- Attending workshops and classes and offering feedback on how they go
- Shipping website and Etsy orders
- Helping print and assemble zines
- Tabling for Crucial at local comics events
- Thinking of ideas for new workshops