***The Pioneer***

Investigative Team Application

The Investigative Team (I-Team) is a group of reporters who regularly write challenging stories. I-Team writers meet weekly, but work on extended deadlines due to the intense reporting and delicate editing necessary to write good investigative stories. The I-Team is assembled from interested, talented and experienced writers from across all sections, and writers will be expected to work on I-Team stories alongside the work they do in their regular position.

The focus of I-Team as a learning experience is to develop writers’ investigative skills and instincts rather than as an introduction to journalistic writing. I-Team members should therefore have at least one year of journalistic experience, either on the *Pioneer* or on another paper. Writers will receive support and guidance as needed from the I-Team Director, Publisher and Editor in Chief, and most stories will require two-person teams.

Interested writers should turn in this application to pioneer@whitman.edu along with a copy of their reporter/columnist application. Editors may turn in this application alone with a writing sample.

**Name:**

**Position and section:**

**In 3-5 sentences each, pitch two stories you would be interested in pursuing on the I-Team. Stories should be investigative in nature, and please describe the first steps you would take in pursuing each story.**

Thank you for your interest in I-Team!

Andy Monserud

Investigative Director