Lucciana Choueiry

Government Communications Specialist

Austin, Texas | 737-346-2893 | luccianachoueiry@outlook.com | Portfolio

Government communications specialist focused on executive messaging, media relations, and legislative outreach.

Experience

Communications Specialist | *Texas Department of Information Resources* Feb 2026–Present

- Own agency media pitching, securing coverage that expanded DIR readership by 680,000 readers across outlets.
- Lead the legislative newsletter, increasing opens and readership among legislators by 20 percent.
- Owned the **Biennial Performance Report and supplemental reports**, leading cross-agency and external information gathering, data verification, and executive review.
- Owned Texas' Digital States Survey submission, coordinating the statewide response that earned Texas an A grade.
- Draft executive remarks, talking points, releases, and briefings; manage media inquiries and monitor legislation.

Local Elections Reporter | *Ballotpedia* Feb–May 2026
Researched candidates, voting histories, and endorsements; verified policy claims and reported on elections.

News Contributor | *The Austin Chronicle* Nov 2025–Feb 2026
Covered elections, local government, and data centers through records research and interviews.

Freelance News Editor | *Beirut Today* Jul–Sep 2025
Edited long-form reporting, verified sourcing, managed editorial calendars, and trained new writers.

News Editor | *The University Star* May 2024–May 2025
Edited 5–7 stories daily; coached writers and led monthly all-staff meetings for a newsroom of 150.

Editorial Intern | *The Austin Chronicle* Jan–May 2025
Filed two enterprise stories weekly on Texas politics, higher education, and criminal justice.

News Intern | *KXAN* Jan–Mar 2025
Researched and wrote broadcast and digital stories, drafted scripts, and supported fact-checking and production.

Fact-Checking/Editorial Intern | *Texas Monthly* Jun–Sep 2024
Fact-checked narrative features using primary sources, legislative histories, court records, and interviews.

Local News Intern | *KUT News (Austin's NPR)* Jun–Aug 2024
Produced 40+ daily news stories and a nine-minute ATXplained feature based on three months of reporting.

Additional Experience

Journalist & Policy Intern | *The Borgen Project* Dec 2023–May 2024
Researched global policy, engaged congressional offices, wrote weekly articles, and raised $500+ for advocacy.

Editorial/Social Media Intern | *Austin Woman Magazine* Aug–Dec 2024

Writer | *Her Campus Magazine* Aug 2024–Jan 2025

Managing Intern Editor | *The961* May–Aug 2023

Student Coordinator (Academic Operations) | *Texas State Honors College* Aug 2022–May 2025

Education & Skills

Texas State University | B.S. Journalism, May 2025 | GPA 4.0, Honors | Minor: Media Studies
Coursework: Data and multimedia journalism, TV news, news reporting, editing and managing content.
Tools: Adobe Acrobat, Audition, Premiere Pro, Photoshop, InDesign; Canva; Tableau; OpenRefine; Excel; Google Suite, Google Trends; CMS/WordPress. **Skills:** AP style, data visualization, audio/video storytelling, content planning.
Languages: Fluent in English, Arabic, and French.

Leadership, Awards & Service

Organizations: Investigative Reporters & Editors; Co-president, Arab Culture Club; VP, Texas State Society of Professional Journalists; CBI-TXST; Council of Scholars; Phi Kappa Phi.
Awards: 2024 SPJ San Antonio, Stuart Long Headliners, SPJ Fort Worth, and Presidential Upper-Level scholarships; 2023 Sinclair Broadcast Diversity Scholarship; 2nd place, TV News, TIPA.
Volunteer: Youth Service Bureau (Oct 2024); Texas State Bobcat Build (Apr 2022).