

Lara Fritzsche

Home Media: Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger, Cologne

Guest Media: Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia, PA

Lara Fritzsche, 23, is studying Psychology and German literature at the University of Bonn, and in 2009 she will earn her bachelor's degrees.

After finishing high school, Lara joined the Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger, a major regional newspaper in Cologne, Western Germany, where she received her journalistic training in various departments for two years. In 2005, after finishing her training program, she became editor and started working in the education section for Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger.

During her time as a trainee and also as an editor, Lara was awarded several prestigious German journalistic prizes, including the "Theodor-Wolff-Preis" and the "Axel-Springer-Preis", which also motivated her to work as a freelancer for national newspapers and magazines in Germany and Switzerland.

Lara's journalistic experience is not limited to print, but includes also TV, radio and online journalism.

The Burns fellowship will give Lara a chance to apply her journalistic skills in a new and challanging environment, and to explore U.S. culture – which she only knows from various vacations – in a new context. She is eager to dive into this challenge in Philadelphia and hopes to bring there experienes back to those in Germany through her writing.