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To whom it may concern at NPR,

With my Masters degree from New York University in Music Technology, my recent positions as sound designer and freelance audio editor/mixer, and my 5+ experience as a independent musician and songwriter, even having past work featured on NPR's "*All Songs Considered*" (please see my extended resume with attached addendum), I am a perfect candidate for the position of Editorial/Production Assistant. My name is James Keary, and I want to work at NPR because I want to work at an organization that I believe in and bring my skills to best fit your organization.

My most recent position as a sound designer and research assistant on the NYU Steinhardt's Medical Imaging Sonification project demonstrate some of my strongest skills. Funded by the NYU-Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), that project set out to aid radiologists and neurologists in the diagnosing of brain diseases through sonification of big data sets from PET and MRI scanners. Our team consisted of doctors, scientists, programmers and sound designers; so clearly communication complex ideas and working well in a team were absolutely necessary. Furthermore, because the project we were funded by a year long grant, we had to effectively work under that deadline to finish what we set out to do. Due to my work as a freelance sound designer and independent artist, I am well versed in audio editing and mixing. And before my degree, I worked as an Live Sound Engineer at Complete Music Studios in Brooklyn NY, and became familiar with studio recording, mixing, and sound reinforcement audio equipment.

As for a hands on experience with content management systems and distributing information, I have worked with other IP content management systems in the past, including blogging on Wordpress and Tumblr. Another important experience I wish to raise is my 4+ years in the New York indie rock band Miniboone ([www.miniboone.com](http://www.miniboone.com)) in which I was promoting our materials and dispensing our message through the use of the social media and audio platforms such as facebook, bandcamp, twitter, soundcloud, youtube and tumblr. Furthermore, through my own portfolio website ([www.jameskeary.com](http://www.jameskeary.com)) which I coded without the aid of a CMS, you will see that I continue to utilize these networks and others as I expand my skill set. Lastly, as for NPR's PRSS ContentDepot, this may not be exactly what you mean in your job posting, but I have a complete technical understanding of the integrated internet / satellite system through my masters degree in which I studied digital audio, digital signal processing and electronics.

This July, I am relocating to DC. I hope this letter, my resume and portfolio show that I would be a great addition to NPR. I am available at your convenience to discuss the position. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

James Keary