

Lucas Joel

SCIENCE WRITER



/ PROFILE

Hello! I'm Lucas. I'm a science writer who currently covers everything that happens at the School of Physical Sciences at the University of California, Irvine. This includes writing about the science happening at the school's four main departments, as well as the people who do that science. I feel most fulfilled when I'm working to write a story that I know I'll want to return to and read again one day, be it a story about the effects of climate change in California or a story about why someone decided to become a scientist. I cover the cosmos and everything in it, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

/ EDUCATION

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Geological sciences

2009-2013

University of California, Riverside

Conducted original research into the evolutionary origins of animal life while teaching college-level courses.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Earth sciences

2005-2009

University of California, Santa Cruz

Received comprehensive training as an Earth scientist.

/ WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Science Writer 2020-present

University of California, Irvine

Chief science writer for the UC Irvine School of Physical Sciences.

- Write press releases, feature stories and news stories
- Podcast host
- Mentor graduate students in science writing

Freelance Science Journalist 2015-present

Self-employed

Built science journalism career from scratch, now a regular contributor to top news outlets.

- Regular contributor to The New York Times
- Science writing intern: EARTH Magazine (2015)

Graduate Student Researcher & Instructor 2010-2014

University of California, Riverside / University of Michigan

Performed original scientific research while teaching undergraduate courses. Regularly received stellar teaching reviews.

- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2011)
- Science writing intern (UC Riverside)

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/ SAMPLES

- [Conservation paleobiology](#)
- [Path to the stars](#)
- [Mass extinction](#)

/ SKILLS

Professional:

- Writer
- Mentor
- Interviewer
- Podcaster

Personal:

- Leader
- Hard worker
- Team player
- Active listener

/ LANGUAGE

English

Native

French

Second Language

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