

Research & Communications Intern (Find a Solution)

This internship is part of the Find a Solution programme which brings together current students and local Third Sector organisations to tackle issues of strategic importance through projects that will have a lasting impact.

Role Description

We are looking for someone charismatic, practical and solution orientated to join our team as an intern this summer. The intern will be placed within the research and innovation team and work with a Project Manager to undertake research into policy, legislation and frameworks relating to human rights, equal access to society and equal access to healthcare in Scotland for people with disabilities. We are particularly interested in children's human rights and how we can align our practice to the UNCRC which is coming into law in Scotland. This links to our work from 2021 with focuses on the Transition from paediatric to adult healthcare services (undertaken by a previous UofG intern) which promotes autonomy, confidence building and equal opportunities for young people with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus.

The intern will work with us to take this work to the next stage by building our knowledge base around influencing policy and legislation. The intern will gather evidence and resources, hold focus groups and information sessions, and contribute to a final report. We are aware that it can be difficult to find experience in research and policy, so we are keen to give a student the chance to improve their career prospects in this field. Depending on funding the student may also be involved with a self-management project which aims to support service users in building confidence, resilience, and independence. This work would involve focus groups and delivery of resources relating to the needs of service users.

The intern will be expected to work independently on research and project management, however there will be regular opportunities for collaboration with the project lead and a variety of internal and external stakeholders. We are looking for a person who is open-minded and innovative in their approach to the work they undertake, but also displays compassion and empathy for others.

This internship is for 16 hours per week for 10 weeks and will take place during summer.

What makes this internship stand out? (training, benefits etc)

We have a well-established student programme now running throughout the year through which we have invited students from universities across Scotland including Glasgow Caledonian University, Strathclyde University, and the University of Edinburgh to collaborate with us. This role will be the fourth intern we have taken on as part of the Find a Solution Scheme; with one student going on to become a full-time member of staff. Working as an intern with SBH Scotland allows students to build confidence in working with different types of people, develop empathy and compassion towards others, learn more about third sector's role in society and work on their project management skills. In addition, this project allows the student to gain experience in policy research which is often hard to find at intern level.

Length of Internship (in weeks)

10 weeks

Starting month

June

Is the internship part-time or full-time?

Part time

For part-time roles, how many hours will the intern work?

16 hours per week

Required Year Group

- Undergraduate 4th year
- Postgraduate taught
- Undergraduate 5th year
- Undergraduate 3rd year

Targeted College

- College of Social Sciences
- College of Arts

Required Degree Discipline

Any with relevant skills and experience

The essential criteria for the role are

E1 We are seeking applicants who can demonstrate they have advanced critical and analytical skills with which to critique research literature, legislation and resources that may be useful to our service users

E2 We are looking for an applicant who can plan their work and progress with delegated tasks, unsupervised.

E3 We would like the applicant to have excellent writing skills to help us craft project reports.

E4 Applicants should display empathy and compassion.

E5 Applicants should be confident working with people from a variety of backgrounds.

The desirable criteria for the role are

D1 We are looking for an Intern with ability to 'think outside the box', to complement the skill set we have in order to progress an innovative project.

D2 We are also seeking an intern who is able to communicate with a range of stakeholders confidently and is comfortable with delivering presentations and often taking the lead in meetings

D3 Experience with social media and marketing campaigns is desirable.