

Research Intern (Find a Solution Programme)

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.

We are seeking interest from students who have a genuine interest in attachment theory and the practical application of attachment in communities which are impacted by poverty, power inequality, and generational trauma. The Research Intern will be relational in their approach to work and an ability to work with a plan – both in terms of approach and timescales.

Background

Over a number of years, the depth of challenges to communities in Scotland has been vast, and more recently worsened with the impact and aftermath of Covid and the cost of living crisis. We have been struck by the resilience of families and communities in the face of such adversity and are interested in finding out more about the relational protective factors that enable this within families and communities.

The Research

This Project aims to deepen the understanding of attachment theory within the context of families who live with multi-generational poverty and inequality and explore what role family and community connections have on wellbeing and the ability to cope, survive, and even thrive in challenging circumstances. We would welcome the views of an intern in the approach and methodology but broadly we believe the research would comprise a literature review and a small piece of qualitative research through interviews with those experiencing poverty and inequality in identified communities in Scotland.

These communities may include those with whom we currently work such as black and minority ethnic families (funded by the Robertson Trust), care experienced parents (as partners in the Village project funded by The Promise), and with the Castlemilk Pantry, but could alternatively be another community identified by the intern. Irrespective, it is important that this research takes the opportunity to engage in attachment-informed discussions /interviews / or surveys with families and communities living with poverty and inequality.

This research would enable us to evidence which protective factors, if any, make a difference to families and communities. The research is the beginning of what we intend to be significant and far-reaching work on the challenges (and perhaps the factors) of inequality in Scotland today. The research will inform our future strategic approach, discussions at national policy level, and support others who are seeking to turn around the shocking statistics of poverty and inequality in Scotland today.

We would hope the intern would present their research findings at our annual Conference in September 2023.

Because of the summer timescale and /or the needs of the intern and the findings of the literature review, the intern may work with others within Scottish Attachment in Action in completing the research.

What We Offer

160 hours of Research work/experience at £10.90 per hour.

The Research Intern will be guided and supported in the planning and process of the project by experienced researcher(s), a team which has some of the best understanding of attachment theory in Scotland, and will have a named member of staff to support them, day to day and through professional supervision.

The role will be home based.

Please note that there are accessibility limitations in relation to this employer's premises. Please see below for further details from the employer. If you would like to discuss this please contact the Internship Hub at internshiphub@glasgow.ac.uk

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

Poverty and inequality are front and centre of communities and Scottish Government priorities at the moment. Not only does a sustainable solution evade

us, the situation is getting worse.

This research is the beginning of necessary and valuable work which could influence policy and contribute to real change.

Length of Internship (in weeks)

8 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?

20 hours per week

Required Year Group

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

Targeted College

College of Social Sciences

Required Degree Discipline

Social Science, Psychology, Economics

The essential criteria for the role are

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E2 Some research experience is required (support will be provided)

E3 The Research Intern will be relational in their approach to work and an ability to work with a plan – both in terms of approach and timescales.

The desirable criteria for the role are

D1 Previous academic or personal interest in solutions for intergenerational poverty and inequality