



U.N. RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

AUGUST-DECEMBER 2017

ABOUT

Women Thrive Alliance is a global feminist advocacy network with one goal: make gender equality a reality. We believe that gender equality can only be achieved through a grassroots-led bottom-up approach to development that is centered on those most marginalized by patriarchy.

Our Alliance unites and mobilizes hundreds of women's rights and gender equality organizations in over 50 countries, equipping them with the skills, the connections, and the support needed to influence social and gender justice agendas at local, national, and global levels.

Through our training, coaching, and collective action, Alliance members take their place as equal partners in decision-making spaces so that their expertise and experiences contribute to strong and sustainable policies and programs for gender equality.

BACKGROUND

Our *Advocacy for Gender Equality* program aims to ensure greater participation of grassroots women's rights and gender equality advocates in development. Together with our members, we work to make sure that grassroots women and girls' voices, priorities, and solutions, are heard and taken into account within local-, national-, and global-level decision-making spaces. Our *Achieve SDG5* Initiative brings grassroots-generated, evidence-based messages to national and global decision-makers to hold governments accountable to SDG5 commitments.

Our *AchieveSDG5* initiative supports advocates in designing and implementing strategies to ensure that grassroots women and girls are an integral part of national efforts to implement SDG 5: the global goal on gender equality and women's empowerment. The initiative's model has four parts:

1. Data collection
2. Capacity- and Coalition-Building
3. Evidence-based Advocacy
4. Amplification

DESCRIPTION OF TASKS

The U.N. Research Intern would specifically support Women Thrive's Advocacy Manager in monitoring and designing our U.N engagement strategy and activities.

The U.N. Research Intern will keep informed of SDG-related policy and decision-making opportunities, deadlines, and mechanisms. They will share this information directly with Women Thrive's Advocacy Manager and keep up-to-date with communications and discussions among the Women's Major Group, the Major Group on Youth and Children, the Inter Action SDG taskforce and others. The Intern tasks and responsibilities include:

- Monitor U.N. related list-serves for updates related to U.N. decision-making processes specifically on the SDGs, SDG5, gender equality and women's empowerment at large.
- Compile and brief Advocacy Manager on pertinent U.N. happenings as related to the Advocacy program and AchieveSDG5 initiative specifically, regularly.

- Support the creation of SDG-related tools for the Raise Your Voice program, as needed.
- Actively post on the Alliance online, and collaborate with the Membership Coordinator to ensure Alliance members are a part of discussions related to our U.N. activities and interventions.
- Support the organization, planning and implementation of D.C. and NYC events around the work of the AchieveSDG5 initiative.
- Contribute creatively to the expansion and iteration of the Global Achieve SDG5 campaign.
- Write bi-weekly blogs for the Women Thrive website on issues related to SDG5, members' work, our collective advocacy, and stakeholder engagement.
- Support social media campaigns and coordinate with members when needed.
- Represent Women Thrive at events, meetings, and workshops related to SDGs/advocacy/gender/etc. when needed.
- Update and maintain quote/story bank related to members' advocacy.
- Contribute to proposal and collateral writing and editing as needed.

PREFERRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Experience with the United Nations system and robust understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals and related policy frameworks.
- Experience conducting secondary research and ability to draw out important information, and dissect it.
- Experience with policy advocacy, community organizing, and/or social and behavioural change communication.
- Experience in gender analysis and working on gender issues in the international development context.
- Experience working with grassroots Global South organizations.
- Collaborative work-style, superior organizational skills, and ability to multitask efficiently.
- Detail oriented and interest in maintain administrative management.
- Strong verbal, written, and intercultural communication skills. Must be fluent in English. French is a plus.
- Good computer skills, particularly in MS Office programs. Familiarity with Facebook, NING, Loomio, and other social platforms is a plus.
- Flexible start date.
- Fulltime availability preferred.

TO APPLY

- Please send a copy of your resume, a one-page writing sample, and a brief cover letter stating why you're interested in this position and availability, including start date by August 15, 2017. Please also include contact information for two professional references.
- Email Mónica de Pinto Ribeiro Hancke at mhancke@womenthrive.org. Please be sure to write "U.N. Research Internship" in the subject line. NO PHONE CALLS ACCEPTED.