



# U.S. ADVOCACY INTERNSHIP

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## 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.

## DESCRIPTION OF TASKS

The U.S. Advocacy Intern would specifically support Women Thrive's Advocacy Manager in scouting, cultivating and maintaining relationships with congress people in the U.S. government, including the State Department and USAID.

The U.S. advocacy intern will support Women Thrive's Advocacy Manager in keeping informed of U.S. government's "goings-on" related to international affairs, foreign aid and gender equality. They will specifically track and build relationships with congress people in both the House and Senate, as well as with the State Department and USAID, to build champions for international development and gender equality. Specific tasks include:

- Create, maintain and update congressional lists to build Hill champions for gender equality and international development.
- Track relevant legislation and policy initiatives both from the Hill and within the State Department.
- Support the Advocacy Manager in developing a U.S government engagement strategy focused on messages and priorities of our Alliance members.
- 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 U.S. foreign aid/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 on Capitol Hill and/or with U.S. State Department and/or USAID.
- Experience with policy advocacy, community organizing, and/or social and behavioural change communication with the U.S. government, specifically.
- Understanding the international development landscape, including the Sustainable Development Goals and the U.N. structure.
- 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.
- Attentive to details and interest in maintaining 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](mailto:mhancke@womenthrive.org). Please be sure to write “U.S. Advocacy Internship” in the subject line. NO PHONE CALLS ACCEPTED.