



Communications Internships

Organization Description

Free the Slaves (FTS) liberates slaves and changes the social, economic and political conditions that allow slavery to persist. We support community-driven interventions in partnership with local groups that help people to sustainable freedom and dismantle a region's system of slavery. We convince governments, international development organizations and businesses to implement key changes required for global eradication. We document and disseminate leading-edge practices to help the anti-slavery movement work more effectively. We raise awareness and promote action by opinion leaders, decision makers and the public. Free the Slaves is showing the world that ending slavery is possible.

Learn more: freetheslaves.net.

Internship Program Description

The Free the Slaves internship program is a formal effort to develop and train future leaders of the anti-slavery movement. We seek to provide each participant with training and hands-on experience in various facets of anti-slavery work. The program operates out of the Washington, D.C. office of Free the Slaves on a semester system, with three sessions per year: spring (January to May), summer (June to August), and fall (September to December). Participants are expected to participate in an orientation session at the beginning of each semester.

Internships are unpaid but students are often able to arrange academic credit, as Free the Slaves internships often offer direct exposure to the workings of an international human rights organization, close supervision by FTS staff, interaction with other U.S. and international organizations and foreign and domestic government officials, and opportunities to attend lectures, trainings, and special events relating to federal and international anti-slavery advocacy. Students should check with their individual academic institutions for requirements.

Communications Internships

The communications department at Free the Slaves is seeking interns to assist our efforts to communicate that slavery still exists and that FTS is implementing innovative strategies to end it.

Tasks include, but are not limited to: assist in the maintenance and expansion of the FTS presence on social networks, blogs and our website by creating and posting content (written,

pictorial, graphical, video, etc.) about the work of FTS and the abolition movement; assist in creating organizational collateral for fundraising, advocacy and outreach. All interns assist in answering the phones and other general administrative and support duties as assigned.

Applicant Requirements

- All applicants must be either currently enrolled in, or a recent graduate of, an accredited college or university as a degree-seeking student.
- Successful applicants will have a demonstrated history of excellence in their studies and will be in pursuit of or a recipient of a degree within the following fields: journalism, communications, public relations, marketing, website development, communications management, graphic design or a similar discipline.
- Applicants wishing to work on design and/or website production projects must have previous experience using Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign or Dreamweaver.
- Applicants wishing to work on content-creation projects must have previous experience writing/blogging/copywriting and using social networks.
- Experience shooting and editing video is a plus.
- A demonstrated history of interest and/or involvement in the anti-slavery or human rights movement is a plus, but is not required.
- Applicants must be fluent in English, both written and orally. Additional language skills may be an advantage -- especially French, Hindi, Swahili, Nepali, Twi or Haitian Creole.
- Applicants should be well organized, self-motivated and reliable and should be able to work well both independently and as a part of a team. Successful candidates will demonstrate a history of accepting direction, taking initiative, and working well with both supervisors and peers.
- Applications for communications internships must include a portfolio or online links to samples of previous communications projects.

Application Directions

Please apply immediately by submitting your application via this link: <http://smrtr.io/tvMbNQ>. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis beginning several months before each new semester. Early applications are encouraged.

Free the Slaves is an equal-opportunity organization. Qualified applicants are considered without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or veteran status.