

Research Internship with WACC

Fall Term 2020



The [World Association for Christian Communication](#) (WACC) is an international non-governmental organisation that promotes [communication as a basic human right](#), essential to people's dignity and community. WACC works with all those denied the right to communicate because of status, identity, or gender. It advocates full access to information and communication and promotes open and diverse media. WACC strengthens networks of communicators to advance peace, understanding and justice.

WACC has members in some 120 countries and supports grassroots-level projects in 40-50 countries each year. WACC's current [programmes](#) focus on supporting grassroots organizations to use traditional and new media to enable their communities to claim their rights, access social services, engage in policy-oriented advocacy, and enhance their participation in democratic processes. WACC is also heavily involved in action-oriented research on [gender and media](#), as well as on representations of poverty in news media. To learn more about WACC's work, we invite you to read our [Annual Reports](#), [Strategic Plan](#), and [Project Lists](#).

Internship Opportunity

WACC coordinates the Global Media Monitoring Project (GMMP) (www.whomakesthenews.org) a worldwide initiative present in over 100 countries that seeks to bring news media accountability into the struggle for gender equality and women's human rights. The GMMP generates time series global, regional and country comparative data and analysis on gender equality in the news media.

WACC is seeking a research assistant to support the GMMP. **Please note that this is an unpaid internship opportunity to be conducted entirely remotely.** The work/training that is done will be documented and recognized towards attaining course credits in the program for which the intern is registered: University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs.

The intern will work 7 hours per week remotely between the week of September 9th and the week of December 2nd, 2020.

You will be supervised by the Manager of the Gender and Communication Initiative.

Duties and Responsibilities

Research and drafting (approx. 85%)

A comprehensive and thorough review of the research on gender, media and communication published in scholarly sources. The literature review will uncover and consolidate journal articles and monographs published since 2015 to date. The draft report will lay out the panorama of issues, thinking and analytical approaches on this thematic area. The review will also inform the direction of analysis of the GMMP 2020 data. You will be recognized as a contributor in the GMMP 2020 report.

Writing internal communication pieces (10%)

You will draft blog posts and articles to be featured on the [Who Makes the News](#) portal, WACC's website dedicated to gender, media and communication.

Reflective essay (5%)

Write a short essay (500-1000 words) in which you describe the internship experience and reflect on its applicability to your academic program (to be graded by the faculty supervisor).

Skills and knowledge

1. A good understanding of gender issues in media and communication
2. Excellent writing and editorial skills in English – able to produce clear, focused and factually-correct materials. Ability to read and write Spanish and or/French will be desirable
3. Ability to write, understand, evaluate, organize and summarize material gathered from multiple sources
4. Self-directed learner with sense of initiative
5. Willing and able to take direction

To apply, send your resume and cover letter by **September 1, 2020** to SM2@waccglobal.org with Application- GMMP Research Intern on the subject line.

Questions may be sent via email to SM2@waccglobal.org.