



Vesalius College

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

EUROPEAN FOUNDATION for STREET CHILDREN (EFSC)



ORGANISATION PROFILE

The European Foundation for Street Children (EFSC) is a Brussels-based foundation established in 1995 which is committed to improving the situation of street children and other groups of children at risk on a non for profit basis. The Network unites 47 non-governmental organisations (35 from EU Member States, 3 from 2 candidate countries and 9 from outside Europe) that are committed to this cause by providing them with information and advice concerning all children and youth-related policies and assistance programmes of the European Union and by facilitating the exchange of best practices between them.

EFSC acts as a platform for awareness raising and lobbying & advocacy towards the European Union, aiming at a better mutual exchange and cooperation between EU policy-makers and NGOs working in the field for the improvement of the rights and living conditions of street children. With a particular operational focus on European countries, EFSC also acts as an information broker for NGOs worldwide on all EU-related topics and developments concerning street children.

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The intern would assist EFSC in the following activities:

- Daily monitoring and research on the internet to investigate existing programs related to children, and obtain regular updates on new EU legislation & reports;
- Research for the Advocacy and Lobbying area (new EU legislation & reports, seminars, public events)
- Assisting in the draft of advocacy and lobbying letters; possibly taking part in meetings with EU officials;
- Assist with lobbying the EU institutions and national ministries regarding assistance programmes and grants for projects and core costs;
- Identifying possible business sponsors and donors; enhancement of relations with the potential sponsors; compiling applications for sponsorship;
- Assist with compilation and enhancement of the database for targeted mailing use on news, conferences, seminars, etc.;
- Assist with website updates, (possible) content production, proofreading;
- Assist with compilation and enhancement of the database for targeted mailing use on news, conferences, seminars, etc.;
- Provide support in the organization of seminars, conferences and meetings

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The successful candidate should have the following qualities and skills:

- Some knowledge of European Union institutions;
- Some background in international/European politics/affairs, either through a course or other experience;
- Fluent in oral and written English. Fluency in other major European languages, such as French, Italian, German or Spanish would be an advantage;
- An ability to work independently with strong personal initiative;
- Strong strategic approach and excellent research skills;
- An ability to organise, prioritise and manage several concurrent tasks; and
- An interest in the European Union legislative process.