

Research Internship with WACC

Fall Term 2021



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 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 follow-up work for the recently-launched 6th GMMP.

Please note that this is an **unpaid** internship opportunity. The work/training that is done will be documented and recognized towards attaining PCJ499 course credit in the program for which the intern is registered: Peace, Conflict and Justice program at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto.

The intern will work 7 hours per week between the week of September 9th and the week of December 2nd from WACC's offices at 308 Main Street, Toronto, ON, M4C 4X7 (Main Street subway station), with possibilities for remote work in line with Covid-19 management guidelines issued by Health Canada.

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

Duties and Responsibilities

Summarizing GMMP national reports (approx. 65%)

You will write a one-page summary of the GMMP national reports prepared by teams around the world, which will include an overview, highlights, relevant quotes, and conclusions.

Writing internal communication pieces (30%)

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. You will also assist in GMMP events/activities that may be organized in the fall.

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

How To Apply

To apply, send your resume and cover letter by **August 29** to SM2@waccglobal.org with Application-GMMP Research Intern on the subject line. **Please cc pcj.program@utoronto.ca in your email.**

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