

# Research Internship with WACC

## Fall Semester, 2022



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 the Global South. 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 a leader in transnational action-oriented research on [gender and media](#), as well as on representations of poverty in news media.

### Research Assistant Internship Opportunity

WACC is seeking an assistant for a research project that seeks to understand the relationship between online misogyny and societal gender-based violence. The internship focusses on the initial phase of the research that involves mapping and reviewing the literature and data. Findings will inform development of the conceptual framework and methodology for the research.

Please note that this is an unpaid internship opportunity. 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 8 hours per week between the week of **September 9<sup>th</sup>** and the week of **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** remotely and from WACC's offices at 308 Main Street, Toronto, ON, M4C 4X7. (Main Street subway station).

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

### Duties and Responsibilities

#### Research and drafting (approx. 90%)

- Mapping national, regional and international statistical databases on: (i) gender-based violence on digital platforms and social media, and; (ii) societal gender-based violence.
- Mapping national, regional and international policies on digital gender-based violence.
- Mapping social media policies and community guidelines on gender-based violence on the respective platforms. Review of implementation of these policies and guidelines.
- Mapping and thorough review of relevant research published in scholarly sources.

The draft report will:

- Lay out the state of research and approaches to analysis of the relationship between digital gender-based violence and the lived experience of violence, including societal attitudes to gender-based violence;
- Synthesize the status of policies regarding gender-based violence on digital platforms and social media.

#### Writing internal communication pieces (5%)

The intern will draft at least two blog posts and one article on these issues for publication on WACC's website [www.whomakesthenews.org](http://www.whomakesthenews.org).

#### Reflective essay (5%)

Write a short essay (500-1000 words) describing the internship experience and reflecting on its applicability to the intern's academic program (to be graded by the faculty supervisor).

#### **Skills and knowledge**

1. A good understanding of gender-based violence on digital platforms and social media.
2. Excellent research skills. Ability to locate and assess relevant literature and databases. Ability to write up the findings in a clear and comprehensive manner.
3. Excellent writing and editorial skills in English. Ability to write focused and factually-correct materials. Ability to read and write Spanish and or/French will be desirable.
4. Ability to write, understand, evaluate, organize and summarize material gathered from multiple sources.
5. Self-directed learner with sense of initiative.
6. Willing and able to take direction.

To apply, send a resume and cover letter by **August 31<sup>st</sup>** to [SM2@waccglobal.org](mailto:SM2@waccglobal.org) (CC'ing [pcj.program@utoronto.ca](mailto:pcj.program@utoronto.ca)) with Application- Research Intern on the subject line.

Questions may be sent via email to [SM2@waccglobal.org](mailto:SM2@waccglobal.org).