



Internship Advertisement: Science Communications Assistant (virtual)

The [MRC-University of Glasgow Centre for Virus Research](#) (CVR) has been pivotal in the UK's response to COVID-19 and has built a strong portfolio of engagement and communications activities. The postholder will support the Communications Team in enhancing science communications at CVR.

During the course of the internship, the Communications assistant will gain a variety of experience in traditional communications as well as in digital communications practices. The assistant will be involved as a valuable member of the team, contributing ideas for different projects and campaigns as well as helping to manage social media and web content.

There will be opportunities to develop skills in:

- Producing engaging content – including science writing for different audiences and multimedia curation
- Social media management
- Website management
- Supporting storyboarding and script writing for the Centre's new promotional video.

We have a number of interesting projects coming up over the next few months, including content development around our SARS-CoV-2 response. This job will be different every day, giving you the opportunity to develop a huge range of science communication and creative skills whilst working in a vibrant research institute.

The postholder will have the opportunity to suggest and embark on projects of their own dependent on time availability and are encouraged to discuss these with the Engagement and Communications Coordinator.

About the CVR

“We carry out fundamental research on viruses and viral diseases, translating the knowledge gained for the improvement of health and benefit of society.”

The MRC-University of Glasgow Centre for Virus Research (CVR) was established in 2010 and represents the UK's largest grouping of human and veterinary virologists. The CVR currently hosts 26 Principal Investigators and alongside their associated teams this makes up a total staff and student complement in excess of 170. This is supplemented with affiliates from the Boyd Orr Centre for Population and Ecosystem Health, Health Protection Scotland and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, thus creating a critical mass of researchers dedicated to the study of human and animal viral diseases.

The CVR is embedded within the Institute of Infection, Immunity and Inflammation at the University of Glasgow which provides excellent research opportunities to investigate virus-host interactions and immune response to virus infection. A defining feature of the CVR is its breadth of expertise ranging from molecular virology to in vivo pathogenesis, virus-cell interactions, viral immunology, viral ecology, viral oncology, clinical and veterinary virology, viral diagnostics, virus epidemiology, mathematical modelling, virus genomics & bioinformatics.

Daily work pattern: Full-time, 35 hours per week.

As part of this internship, you will be able to attend formal training and conferences to explore all the opportunities available to someone embarking on a science communication career.

Applications ongoing with no deadline (in-person internships will be considered once safe to do so)

To apply please send a short covering email and your CV to faye.watson@glasgow.ac.uk.