



## Internship Advertisement: Public Engagement 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 Engagement and Communications Coordinator to embed an internal culture that supports and values public engagement with research. Potential projects are briefly described below. The final decision on which projects to pursue will be made following discussion between the intern and Engagement and Communications Coordinator:

1. Support the Engagement and Communications Coordinator to deliver a programme of patient and public involvement activities leading up to an online forum highlighting the CVR's research on blood-borne viruses.
2. Support the Engagement and Communications Coordinator to launch a citizen science project related to viral vectors and climate change.
3. Design and/ or deliver various other public engagement projects with CVR researchers, which may include but are not limited to:
  - i. A social science project on people's experiences of the pandemic
  - ii. Creation of interactive, educational resources on SARS-CoV-2
  - iii. Creation of a package of resources on the CVR's research response to COVID-19

**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 public engagement 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](mailto:faye.watson@glasgow.ac.uk).**