



MISSION 89

Position: Research Assistant Intern (U.S.-based)

Supervisor: Director, US

Duration: October 1 – December 31

Location: Washington D.C, Maryland, Virginia (possible to work remotely)

Mission 89 is a research, education, and advocacy organisation that fights the exploitation of young athletes and sex trafficking in sports through socio-economic transformation.

Research Assistant Internship

Research within the area of sex trafficking and mega sport events in the United States seem to be on the rise, focusing largely on the supply and demand aspect of this issue. Yet, there is a lack of substantive research on the importance of the message sent out, which is too often focused on criminalizing groups affected by trafficking. Our aim is to create awareness around the phenomenon and conduct research that effectively allows for effective communication on the issue, in order to safeguard the rights of the most vulnerable people (women and children), and to protect them from sex traffickers and illegal sex work. The means by which sport can help transmit this message in a meaningful and impactful way requires further research.

The Research Assistant Intern assists in all forms of research and advocacy, providing support to Mission 89's leadership and Research Partners. The Intern will carry out desk research on a range of legal issues pertaining to human trafficking within sport/linked to sport in the Americas, assisting in the process of drafting documents of advocacy, and contributing to developing the research function of this new NGO.

Primary Responsibilities

- Contribute to the research design and field studies in relation to Mission 89's aims and objectives
- Develop or assist in the development of interview schedules; contact potential respondents and collaborators to introduce and explain study objectives, protocol and arrange interviews
- Prepare materials for submission to agencies and foundations that fund research
- Prepare a database of organizations, agencies, and websites relevant to Mission 89's activities
- Assist Director with special projects, which may include tasks such as: working on meeting strategy and negotiation preparations
- Assist on content research

Key Skills Required for the Role

- Experience conducting research; knowledge and skills in quantitative research will be a plus
- Experience in working on issues of human rights and/or trafficking, particularly within context of mega-sport events and human trafficking in the United States
- Experience of working autonomously and exercising judgement



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- Excellent analytical, organizational, written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- MA in relevant field of study

Eligibility

- This internship is open to recent graduates, and MA or PhD students
- This is a work experience and unpaid internship position
- Available to work up to 10 hours per week (according to workload)
- Open to candidates based in the United States, although preferably living in Washington D.C/the tri-state or East Coast.

TO APPLY

Applicants for this position must be able to work remotely, and therefore be self-starters' cable of working independently and autonomously, and possess an excellent sense of judgement.

Please send your CV, cover letter and 2 reference letters to Lerina Bright at lerina.bright@mission89.org.