



Invitation of Applications for SUSTAINABLE ACCESS FELLOWSHIP

Introduction.

The [Alliance for Affordable Internet](#) (A4AI) is expanding its research and advocacy efforts in the realm of 'sustainable access' and understanding the ecological impacts of a mission for universal internet access. The scope of this fellowship is flexible but includes a focus on e-waste and the circular economy as a core project and must prioritise the experiences of people living in low- and middle-income countries.

To support this effort, the Web Foundation seeks a postgraduate fellow (working at least 0.4 FTE) to join the team for a period of time around two to three months (ideally, July to September). Candidates can be located anywhere in the world.

Objectives of internship.

The fellowship will provide an opportunity for a current or recent graduate student who is preparing to pursue a career in fields related to telecommunications policy, sustainability, and international development by:

- Increasing their understanding and sectoral knowledge of current market dynamics and practices in telecommunications policy and regulation as relates to environmental sustainability;
- Analysing and producing written research materials on the topic area with a mind to enable policy advocacy and change; and
- Gaining practical work experience related to their academic background or future career and in a fast-paced, geographically-distributed work environment with a non-profit organisation.

Guidance and supervision.

The fellow will work under the direct supervision of the Senior Research Manager, based in London, UK, with supplementary support from other staff members across the globe.

Description of duties.

The key responsibilities of the fellow will include:



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- Assisting the team with analysis of a pre-collected survey dataset relating to device ownership and lifecycles and its implications for e-waste policies;
 - Leading the development of a discussion paper on the above topic to be published by A4AI;
 - Exploring the potential for other areas of policy focus within the narrative of 'sustainable access' that fits within the Alliance's vision for universally affordable and meaningful internet access;
 - Participating in team coordination through meetings and conference calls; and
 - Undertaking other relevant minimal duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

Qualification requirements.

Candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- *Education:* Currently completing or recently completed graduate study in disciplines relevant to the project (international development, political science, law, human rights, sustainability, and social sciences; with quantitative skills as a plus);
- *Research Experience:* Previous experience in research and/or voluntary work in a relevant, non-academic setting is required; and
- *Policy Experience:* Previous experience of policy advocacy from a civil society or third sector position would be an advantage.

Candidates should also be prepared to:

- Allocate 16-40 hours per week during normal working hours to meet responsibilities;
- Learn and develop new skills over the course of the fellowship;
- Ask questions and seek help when faced with uncertainties or challenges;
- Work independently to write and edit content for a professional setting;
- Manage time effectively to deliver results by an agreed deadline;
- Collaborate professionally with a team of colleagues; and
- Work in a multicultural and geographically-distributed environment.



Compensation.

The fellow will be offered a stipend based on the contract's duration and hours agreed. \$9,600 is the project maximum, based on a three-month contract at 1.0 FTE.

Expected date of starting.

The fellow will ideally start on 1 July 2022 for a period of time around 8 to 12 weeks. The exact dates of the fellowship are subject to agreement by the fellow and the supervisor, but the start date should not be later than 18 July 2022, and the end date will not be later than 30 September 2022.

Submission of application.

Interested applicants should send a one-page letter of motivation and a current curriculum vitae (no more than two pages). Their letter of motivation should include: an indication of where they would be working from (any location is possible, and no preference is given to any location), their availability/preference for assignment for 2–5 days per week, and an area of initial interest that they would like to explore during the fellowship beyond the scope of the assigned discussion paper project.

Applications should be sent by email to jobs@webfoundation.org by 31 May 2022. For any further inquiries, please contact Teddy Woodhouse, Senior Research Manager, teddy.woodhouse@webfoundation.org.