EIT Health Germany – Communications Intern

Job title: Communications Intern

Duration: 3-6 months
Start date: 01 September 2021

Salary Range: This is an unpaid internship opportunity. Depending on their performance during the first three (3) months, candidates may be offered a subsequent 3 months internship on a paid basis (TVÖD/L).

Location: Mannheim, Germany

Accounting to: Communications Manager, EIT Health Germany

Contract: Full-time, 3-6mths

Application Deadline: 31 Jul 2021, COB
(instruction further below)
EIT Health is a network of best-in-class health innovators backed by the EU. We collaborate across borders to deliver new solutions that can enable European citizens to live longer, healthier lives.

As Europeans tackle the challenge of increasing chronic diseases and multi-morbidity, and seek to realise the opportunities that technology offers to move beyond conventional approaches to treatment, prevention and healthy lifestyles, we need thought leaders, innovators, and efficient ways to bring innovative healthcare solutions to market.

EIT Health addresses these needs. We connect all relevant healthcare players across European borders – making sure to include all sides of the “knowledge triangle”, so that innovation can happen at the intersection of research, education and business for the benefit of citizens.

EIT Health maintains a regional structure that stretches across Europe, with seven Regional Innovation Hubs (RIHs) in cities that have high innovation ratings and feature clusters of innovative firms, universities and research centers. With its headquarters in Munich, Germany, EIT Health has established CLCs in six regions, UK/Ireland, Scandinavia, Spain, France, Germany/Switzerland, and Belgium/Netherlands. With the aim of leveraging diversity and driving the potential of emerging innovation clusters, EIT Health has also added the “EIT Health InnoStars” in six countries: Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Wales (UK).

EIT Health is a Knowledge and Innovation Community established by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of the European Union.

EIT Health: Together for Healthy Lives in Europe.
For more information visit: http://www.eithealth.eu

About EIT Health Germany

As one of seven Regional Innovation Hubs (RIHs) of EIT Health, EIT Health Germany brings together 35 EIT Health partners from Germany, Austria and Switzerland to support innovators and entrepreneurs in the DACH region and to promote healthcare innovation through matchmaking, training and mentoring, access to funding, and an ambitious schedule of international gatherings.

This highly engaged partnership, comprising many leaders in their fields, benefits from EIT Health’s unique collaborative environment comprising scientific conferences, workshops and training opportunities, as they work together to promote health innovation.

Through its network of prestigious German/Austrian/Swiss partners, affiliated organizations, clusters and regional collaborators EIT Health Germany has strong connections to the investor community and start-up scene in Germany and Switzerland. It has access to more than 550 SMEs in all health-related sectors with a major strength being its pool of biotech and pharma
start-ups. The Ministry for Science, Research and the Arts of Baden-Württemberg is a major sponsor and provides political connections to state and national governments. EIT Health Germany brings together its partners and the rest of the world.

EIT Health Germany operates two offices in the innovation hubs of Mannheim and Heidelberg. With its locations on Roche Diagnostic’s open campus (Mannheim) and University of Heidelberg’s interdisciplinary Marsilius-Kolleg (Heidelberg), respectively, it forms a corner stone of the incredibly active life sciences and biotech sector in this region of Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

For more information visit: https://www.eit-health.de

About the Role

As Communication Intern, working closely with the Communication Manager and the entire EIT Health Germany team, you will:

• have the opportunity to gain insights into the communication and public affairs activities of EIT Health Germany and EIT Health at large,

• support EIT Health Germany’s digital communications around news, publications and events, including social media, newsletters, content creation, media monitoring and audience analysis,

• support the team in its diversity of touchpoints with our partners,

• support the team in the organisation of events, including programme updates, logistics and liaising with key stakeholders,

• and have the opportunity to take a look into our Accelerator, Education and Innovation teams and learn how they work.

This is an exciting time to join the team at EIT Health as it provides a fantastic opportunity to make a positive and meaningful impact in European Healthcare, as we continue to enhance our profile, exert influence and drive thought leadership within the regional healthcare ecosystem. You will gain suitable experience working in complex and innovative environments across Europe. In addition to that, you will be able to work with a high level of independence and display professional levels of confidentiality.

The following qualifications and skills should support your application

• Bachelor’s degree in preferably communication/journalism/graphic design (but others considered as well), preferably you have already progressed to the last year of your Master’s program.
• Hands-on experience in writing copy and/or designing printed material for a diverse audience

• An affinity for/interest in innovation, entrepreneurship and/or project management in life sciences, medtech, digital health or a similar field

• Ability to demonstrate analytical thinking skills, allowing you to screen and process a broad range of information related to life science, innovation, entrepreneurship and project management.

• Positive and proactive attitude towards challenging tasks, turning them into learning opportunities for yourself.

• High standard of quality in all research and communication output.

• Good teamwork skills and hands-on experience with working in international teams.

• Fluent English language skills, both oral and written, as well as CEFR C2 level (= mother tongue) command of the official language of the region (German).

• Knowledge of MS Office, Sharepoint, Asana, Slack, Podio, and other common software packages. Hands-on experience with Adobe Creative Suite, Wordpress, Hootsuite considered an advantage

• Based in the Rhein-Neckar-Region or surrounding regions.

What we offer

• A learning opportunity with a deep dive into the innovation ecosystem for healthcare in Europe.

• Start-up mentality, fast and flat processes, straight internal communication, non-hierarchical structure and freedom to operate with autonomy.

• An extensive network in the healthcare sector, with exposure to high-level and senior representatives from key players and influencers.

• The opportunity to work on critical projects of European interest, contributing to bettering the lives of patients and citizens.

• Familiar atmosphere within a dynamic team.

How to apply:
Applications shall comprise a full curriculum vitae and a cover letter describing briefly how you meet the above criteria indicated in the person specification and outlining your interest in the role. Please indicate your earliest possible entry date.

Applications shall be submitted via e-mail to sigrid.koller@eithealth.eu by 31 Jul 2021 COB.

All other queries regarding the role should be addressed to lena.weller@eithealth.eu.