

Internship Public Affairs

About EKHA

<u>The European Kidney Health Alliance</u> is a collaboration of the nephrology field that brings together patients, physicians, nurses and foundations. Since 2007, EKHA aims at defending the case of the patients with kidney disease and the nephrological community at EU and national level. EKHA has become a legal entity in 2019 and now wants to further professionalise to an advocacy platform that creates awareness for the unmet needs of kidney patients and offers solutions to resolve them. We therefore are looking for an intern who assists with the expansion and structuring of the EKHA Advocacy assignment.

The assignment

We are looking for an intern that:

- Creates a Public Affairs working plan based on the overall strategy (including stakeholders).
- Advise on the further development of a supportive network of stakeholders for EKHA.
- Investigates how we can empower the patients with advocacy.
- Responsible for the maintenance of an EU lobby and communications calendar.
- Responsible for external communication on EKHA PA activities via social media (Linked-in and Twitter).
- Prepares input for EU calls that are relevant for EKHA to respond to.
- Investigates EU funding programs that are relevant to EKHA.
- Energises the Kidney MEP's.
- Support the organisation of the EKHA forum in June 2021.
- We are open to your own ideas on how you could link a graduation assignment to this.

The organisation

EKHA has 5 full members (partners) and 20 affiliated members.



- The governance of the organisation at this moment is as visualised in the picture at the right. In total there are actively working approx. 30 people for EKHA.
- As intern, you will become a member of the support team that is led by the Transition manager, who is also responsible for the proper guidance of the intern. Weekly (bilateral) meetings with the Transition Manager will therefore be part of the assignment.
- EKHA at this moment has 4 people who are responsible for Public Affairs. Together they form a separate working group (not indicated in the picture)
- Aside from tasks that support the general organisation you will also be part of both Working Groups.
- Due to COVID all meetings are digital at this moment, so you will be home based.



EKHA is looking for you

As a Public Affairs intern you are an inquisitive student (Higher of Scientific Education). You are a team player, but you can also work independently and you have a proactive attitude. You are pragmatic, eager to learn and you have the following skills to make this role a success:

- You are enrolled in a relevant Higher of Scientific Education (Public Affairs, Policy & Politics, European Studies, Public Health).
- Knowledge/Affinity with politics and public affairs.
- Politically sensitive.
- Good organizational skills: you can work systematically and in a structured way.
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This is what we offer

A challenging internship for 32-38 hours a week at a growing nephrology platform, well known in the European Union area. A chance to really help progressing EKHA to achieve their goals by the expanding Public Affairs efforts. In addition, EKHA offers:

- An internship allowance of €300 per month (for 38 hours);
- An internship (and /or graduation internship) as of April 2021(other dates in consultation);
- Guidance of experienced manager with senior knowledge on Public Affairs;
- Flexible working hours.

Applications

You can send your application to Eveline Scheres at <u>eveline.scheres@ekha.eu</u> or call for more information at +31632278149.