

MSF UK Research Intern 2025

Your Bridge Between
Academic Research and
Real-World Humanitarian
Action.



The Opportunity At-a-Glance



Organisation

Médecins Sans Frontières /
Doctors Without Borders (MSF UK)



Internship Name

MSF UK Research Intern 2025



Duration

12 months (full-time)



Compensation

Paid Internship (Fixed-term
contract)



Location

London (Hybrid model)



Focus Areas

Humanitarian Research, Global
Health, Data Analysis



Eligibility

Graduates with research experience



Application

Via MSF UK Careers Portal

A Career That Powers Evidence-Based Humanitarian Action

This internship is one of the most competitive pathways for graduates aiming to start a career in humanitarian research, evidence-based policy, and global health.

You will not just be supporting an organization; you will be contributing to critical research that directly influences and improves MSF's humanitarian operations worldwide.

This is a year-long paid experience focused on operational research and real-world humanitarian challenges.



What Does an MSF Research Intern Actually Do?

As the Research Intern, you are central to the integrity and effectiveness of our studies. You will support MSF's Medical Department and Operations teams by contributing to research design, literature mapping, ethical review documents, and data consolidation used by MSF's global teams.



Data & Analysis

Supporting data analysis, management, and cleaning.



Documentation & Ethics

Assisting with literature reviews, ethics submissions, and protocol development.



Coordination & Dissemination

Helping with project logistics, coordinating with technical advisors, and drafting reports and presentations.

Key Responsibilities Across the Research Cycle

Your work will cover the full research lifecycle, from initial literature scans to the final dissemination of findings for internal and external audiences.

- Conducting comprehensive literature reviews
- Supporting research protocol development
- Managing citations and referencing
- Preparing ethics submissions for review
- Organizing workshops and team meetings
- Assisting with data cleaning and reporting
- Drafting presentations and summaries for dissemination
- Ensuring all documentation aligns with MSF standards

Why This is a Top Humanitarian Career Opportunity

"This internship stands out because it provides hands-on research experience within one of the world's most respected humanitarian medical organisations."

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Structured Learning

Receive formal training in research ethics, analysis, and dissemination.



Real Responsibility

Take ownership of tasks and contribute to live, high-stakes operational research projects.



Expert Mentorship

Gain invaluable guidance from world-leading humanitarian medical experts.



Global Exposure

Understand the realities of global health operations and their challenges.

The Benefits of Your 12-Month Experience

Paid Professional Experience

Secure a paid, 12-month fixed-term contract in international humanitarian research.

Build Your Network

Connect with a global network of MSF experts and operational staff.

Develop Specialized Skills

Gain practical skills in data analysis, research ethics, project coordination, and technical communication.

Launch Your Global Career

This role serves as a launchpad for future opportunities in global health, humanitarian operations, and policy analysis.

The Ideal Bridge from Academia to Impact

This internship is specifically designed to connect academic theory with humanitarian action. It's the ideal role for graduates seeking to apply their analytical skills to solve real-world problems and support vulnerable populations.



Academia



Humanitarian Action

Who is this for?

- Graduates of public health, social sciences, global health, development studies, or related fields.
- Aspiring researchers who want to work in global humanitarian operations.
- Future leaders in policy analysis and evidence-based program evaluation.

The Candidate We Are Looking For

We are seeking an early-career graduate with a strong humanitarian motivation, proven research exposure, and the analytical ability to support complex operational research projects. The ideal candidate is proactive, meticulous, and deeply committed to MSF's principles.



Your Skills and Qualifications

Essential Requirements

Is research experience required for the MSF internship?

Yes. MSF expects demonstrated experience with literature review methods, academic writing, and handling both qualitative and quantitative research data.

- A degree in Public Health, Social Sciences, Global Health, Development Studies, or a related field.
- Strong analytical thinking and academic writing ability.

Desirable Skills

- Knowledge of epidemiological concepts.
- Experience with data visualization tools.
- Familiarity with research ethics frameworks.
- Ability in technical communication.

The Logistics: Location, Work Setup, and Compensation

Where is the internship based?

The role is London-based with a hybrid working model, combining days at the MSF UK office with the flexibility of remote work.

What is the work setup?

You will be an integral part of MSF UK's Medical Department and Operations teams, requiring regular communication and cross-team collaboration.

Is the MSF UK Research Internship paid?

Yes. This is a paid, full-time position under a 12-month fixed-term contract. MSF is committed to ethical employment standards and fair compensation.

Your Path to Applying

Step 1: Prepare Your Documents

A comprehensive CV and a tailored cover letter demonstrating your motivation.

Step 3: Screening

Applications are reviewed against the eligibility criteria.

Step 5: Final Selection

The successful candidate is chosen and an offer is made.



Step 2: Submit Online

Apply through MSF UK's official recruitment platform: Cezanne OnDemand.

Step 4: Interview

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews.

Please ensure you complete all required documents before the specified deadline on the portal.

A Defining Role for Researchers in Global Humanitarian Operations

You should apply if you want a meaningful, high-impact role where your research directly contributes to humanitarian action and supports vulnerable populations worldwide.

The MSF UK Research Intern 2025 opportunity is one of the **strongest career-launching roles for researchers** committed to working in global humanitarian operations.

Apply Now on the MSF UK Careers Portal