

GROUNDWATER RELIEF AUTUMN INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



About Groundwater Relief

Groundwater Relief is a UK registered charity (No. 1167458) that provides technical help to organisations developing and managing groundwater resources for people living in poverty.

We work with a growing team of international groundwater professionals and currently have over 170 registered members. Within the last 3 years Groundwater Relief has undertaken over 50 projects, supporting organisations such as Oxfam, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Action Contre la Faim, Concern, GOAL as well as various UN agencies, development organisations, universities, trusts and foundations.

In addition, Groundwater Relief has developed a low cost groundwater monitoring device called 'The Pocket Dipper'. We are also currently working within two consortiums; one to test remote sensing tools in partnership with Salzburg University and German Aerospace; and a second to develop a set of phone applications to support data collection and data management within developing countries, in collaboration with Practica Foundation and Akvo.

We want to grow a small team of energetic, innovative, technical staff to increase our capacity as an organisation and to better utilise and engage our membership with humanitarian and development projects.

We are therefore seeking to take on 2 to 3 volunteer interns with the aim to create permanent paid positions for individuals as soon as we are able to.

About the Internship

The 4-month internship would commence in late August and end in December.

The intern would be expected to work 7.5 hours per day from Monday to Friday.

The normal working location will be in an office close to Totnes, Devon¹.

Interns would be expected to travel up to 40% of their time outside of the UK.

Duties would include, but are not limited to:

¹ Groundwater Relief is currently moving office locations from Oxfordshire to Devon and the new office space has yet to be finalized.

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- Provide technical support to organisations that have requested Groundwater Relief's services (including project managing teams of Groundwater Relief members, drafting desk studies, developing GIS maps and analysing hydrogeological data).
- Provide in-country field support to organisations as part of a team (works may include borehole siting, drilling supervision, pumping test supervision, groundwater monitoring and borehole rehabilitation).
- Support Groundwater Relief members and assist with the launch of Groundwater Relief's 'Rapid Response Unit'.
- Develop administrating systems to improve Groundwater Relief's outputs.
- Promote Groundwater Relief's services within the humanitarian and development sectors.
- Research and explore opportunities that will help Groundwater Relief meet its objectives as a charity.

Benefits

Although this is a voluntary position, Groundwater Relief would aim to cover basic living costs for volunteers including accommodation and travel costs.

Totnes is a lively historic market town on the south coast of Devon and offers a great lifestyle. For more information see: <http://www.visittotnes.co.uk/>

Interns will also have a unique opportunity to get first hand experience working in a humanitarian and development context supporting a range of different organisations and working with expert members of Groundwater Relief who have a wealth of experience and knowledge.

Your Profile

We are looking for individuals who can demonstrate:

- Clear technical competencies that will be an asset to Groundwater Relief's work;
- A commitment to supporting humanitarian and development work;
- A desire to travel and work in challenging environments;
- A self-starter mentality with a willingness to take on responsibility;
- A creative and practical problem solver, who will see jobs through to completion;
- Positive mind set that will inspire other Groundwater Relief staff and members;
- Legally eligible to work within the United Kingdom;
- A valid passport;
- The ability to communicate in French or Arabic would be advantageous.

To Apply

Please send a covering letter, CV and two references to help@groundwater-relief.org by the 10th of July 2017. Interviews will be held shortly after this.