



## Children in Hospital Ireland: Research Intern

Children in Hospital Ireland (CHI) is seeking a

### Research Intern

The work of Children in Hospital Ireland (CHI) includes policy and advocacy in relation to issues affecting children in hospital and their families.

We are currently seeking a Research Intern to support us in this work. The internship will involve conducting research on the financial costs for families of having a child in hospital in Ireland.

### Internship Details

**Hours of Work:** 14 hours per week (with some flexibility as to the time these hours will be worked each week)

**Duration:** 16 weeks (**beginning 20 May 2019**)

**Reporting to:** CEO of CHI

**Remuneration:** 175 euro per week

**Location:** Offices of Children in Hospital Ireland, Suite 113, 4–5 Burton Hall Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18, with flexibility to work remotely on occasion

**Closing date for applications:** **Monday, 25 March 2019 at 5 p.m.**

**Interviews will take place during the week beginning Monday, 15 April 2019**

The role of the Research Intern will be to plan and carry out a piece of research into the financial costs for parents of having a child in hospital and to draft a policy brief on these costs and their implications for families. The project will be overseen and supported by the policy, advocacy and research sub-committee of CHI; academic supervision will be provided.

Key research questions will include:

- the direct financial costs to parents of having a child in hospital;
- the indirect costs to parents;
- the extent of assistance, if any, parents receive towards meeting these costs.

The intern will be expected to engage in:

- Desk-based research on the above and associated issues;
- Discussions with key informants, including social workers in selected children's hospitals;
- Consultations with child health groups to gather data and potential case studies;
- Compiling and disseminating a questionnaire survey of parents of children in hospital;
- Analysing the research data;
- Drafting a policy brief.

### **Essential Requirements**

An undergraduate degree, including training in research skills, in a discipline such as social policy, sociology, law or other relevant field or equivalent experience.

### **Skills Required:**

- Flexibility, initiative and the ability to work with a team
- Organisational skills and ability to work on own initiative
- Excellent writing skills
- Good communication skills
- Good computer skills
- Experience of, or keen interest in, working for children's rights or in the area of children's health
- Fluency in spoken and written English

The Research Intern will gain knowledge of children's rights and social policy as well as gaining experience in research and policy activism.

Interested? Please submit a CV and a cover letter, explaining why you are interested and believe you are suitable for the role, to the CEO of CHI, Anna Gunning (email: [anna@childreninhospital.ie](mailto:anna@childreninhospital.ie)).