

Job title: Communications and Engagement Officer
Salary: £31,643 to £36,502 per annum
Location: Lambeth, London – currently remote working
Hours: Full time, permanent

Who we are

Our vision is a world free of preventable disease, in which everyone everywhere can reach their full potential. We were founded in 2002 with a £20m grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and started life at Imperial College London as the Schistosomiasis Control Initiative. Consistently ranked globally as one of the most cost-effective non-profit initiatives, in 2010 we received significant funding from the UK Department of International Development which has since been extended until 2022.

In 2019 we became an independent organisation, and the SCI Foundation now works across multiple sectors in several countries in sub-Saharan Africa to deliver effective and robust health programmes that have a lasting impact.

What we do

Working in partnership with Governments, the SCI Foundation supports and facilitates public health programmes that reduce the impact of preventable diseases like parasitic worm infections.

We provide technical and financial support to Ministries of Health, in line with their own strategies and plans, to enhance sustainability and strengthen health systems within countries affected by these diseases.

To date, our team have supported 60% of all global schistosomiasis treatments and we are broadening our reach to coordinate with health programmes for other preventable diseases, as well as supporting disease prevention measures such as water, sanitation and hygiene and the management of the impacts of these diseases on individuals.

The role

We are looking for an experienced and talented communications specialist who is ready to take the next step in their career. This new role of Communications and Engagement Officer is being introduced to complement our existing, small but talented communications team.

Reporting to the Communications Manager and working alongside our social media consultant you will play a vital role in telling the story of SCI Foundation. The content that you develop will inspire our existing and potential supporters as well engaging the general public in the UK and internationally, to understand the impact of our work on the lives and communities that we help to serve. We therefore require someone with strong editorial skills who preferably has an interest in NTDs and/or public health.

You will have a reasonable degree of autonomy within this role, so we are looking for someone who is comfortable with working independently and as part of a team.

Travel to some of the countries we partner with to gather content and document our work will give you the opportunity to meet our partners and understand the work we do. It will provide the opportunity to utilise or develop your photography and videography skills.

Our Communications team have exciting plans to expand our current reach to the general public and the right candidate will have the opportunity to be involved in leading on some of this work in the future. Therefore, if you have experience in traditional media relations that would be a bonus!

Who we are looking for

You will have specialist knowledge and experience in crafting content and have excellent editorial and copywriting skills with a great attention to detail. You will have the ability to extract and develop stories in ways that will engage a variety of audiences.

You will have an in-depth understanding of all the activation channels available and the different opportunities they offer organisations like SCI Foundation to engage new audiences and grow our capacity and reach.

Ideally, you will have experience in gathering and or commissioning original content, including photography and videography.

Above all, you will have exceptional story telling skills and be able to simplify and communicate technical aspects innovatively to our audiences.

What it's like to work at the SCI Foundation

We're a team of people passionate about creating a world free of preventable disease. Everyone that works at the SCI Foundation, as well as our partners and supporters, shares these same values and beliefs:

- **Equality:** We are a small and dynamic team in which every staff member's contribution is crucial and equally valued
- **Inclusion:** We are working towards a fairer world where no-one is left behind.
- **Transparency:** We believe that openness and transparency create trust and a culture of continuous improvement.

Day-to-day life at SCI Foundation is fast paced but fun. We place great importance and value on working respectfully within the team and in partnership with our partners globally. Whilst many of us travel abroad frequently, we regularly get together, whether to socialise in support of healthy working relationships, or more formally to benefit from one another's skills, knowledge and experience.

To apply

To apply, please submit an up-to-date CV and covering letter outlining your suitability for the role according to the job description and person specification.

Closing date: 12 noon 18 January 2021

First interview: w/c 4 February 2021

DATA PROTECTION – By submitting an application you agree that SCI Foundation collects and manages the information that you provide. Your personal information will be used for recruitment purposes only. Your application will be treated with strict confidentiality.

SAFEGUARDING - Roles at SCIF may require interaction with children and vulnerable adults as well as maintaining confidential and sensitive information about them. The successful candidate will be required to apply for a criminal record check through a basic, standard or enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. A criminal record will not necessarily bar you from working with us. That will depend on the nature of the role and the circumstances of your offences. A conditional offer of employment will only be made upon reception of 2 satisfactory written references and a satisfactory DBS result.

SCI Foundation is committed to diversity and equal opportunities for applicants and employees. SCI Foundation strives to ensure equal employment opportunities and equal access to employment and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, colour, national origin, religion, physical or mental ability, marital status and age. Applications will be treated with strict confidentiality.