

TRAINEE CONSULTANT EU PUBLIC AFFAIRS WITH HEALTH/PHARMA EXPERIENCE

acumen public affairs (www.acumen-publicaffairs.com) is an independent consultancy that combines the very best of big agency experience within a sharing and friendly environment. The twenty-five-person strong Acumen team has an impressive track record in public affairs and strategic communications gained from working for corporations, governments, trade associations, NGOs and international institutions in Brussels, Geneva and beyond. Acumen is growing, and we are currently looking for a Trainee Consultant to join our EU Health Team. We offer a six-month paid internship, with opportunities for long-term contracts afterwards.

The selected candidate will have the opportunity to work on a variety of topics and assignments spanning across a unique client portfolio. Our team is delivering services such as monitoring, strategy development, stakeholder mappings, policy audits and issue briefings, social and traditional media relations, trainings and workshops. At Acumen we pride ourselves in our high client retention: this is the outcome of the quality of services we deliver, and the relations we build with our clients.

We invite candidates with the following skills and experience to apply for this position:

Essential:

- EU national or work permit holder
- Experience gained through previous internship(s) in the health and/ or pharmaceutical sectors. Candidates without experience in these sectors will not be considered.
- Perfect command of English; additional language skills an asset (esp. Italian, French)
- Knowledge of the EU institutions and legislative processes. Strong planning skills
- Advanced research and writing skills, including the ability to summarise issues quickly and accurately.
- Ability to work in a team, whilst at the same time carrying out own tasks independently and to agreed deadlines.
- Flexibility, enthusiasm, ability to work under tight deadlines in an international environment.
- Knowledge of current developments and trends affecting Acumen and its clients' businesses.
- Proficient with IT and new media tools.

Desirable:

- Previous experience/traineeship in one of the European Institutions – especially in DG SANTE or working for MEPs in the Parliament's ENVI Committee.
- Good demonstrated command of social media – experience in organising social media campaigns.
- Experience in media relations – speaking and pitching to journalists, drafting press releases and/ or opinion pieces.
- Understanding of the civil society environment in Brussels.

To apply for this position, please submit your application on-line: <https://www.applyjobfit.com/zzki-mrxu-f29a>
Candidates who have a profile matching what we are looking for will then be contacted for an interview.

We look forward to meeting you! The Acumen Team