



## Internship Position

**SEARCH** FOR  
**COMMON GROUND**

**Post Title:** Intern to Current Female MPs

**Duty Station:** Freetown/ Sierra Leone

**Duration:** 6 months

**Project Title:** Beyond Politics of Men: Empowering Women to be Effective Political Actors in Sierra Leone

### **Project Background**

The 50-50 Group and Search for Common Ground supported by the European Union is implementing a project titled: “Beyond Politics of Men: Empowering women to be effective political actors in Sierra Leone” that aims to support women in politics to better engage politically and be prepared to effectively take part in politics and political leadership. This 36-month project therefore seeks to foster an increased participation of women in political and public life, reinforcing the long-held view that there is a need for dedicated long-term support to enhance women’s political participation.

One aspect of the project seeks to improve the capacity of female MPs in gathering and synthesizing data to inform legislative engagements, thus enhancing their contributions in parliament. As such we are seeking interns to work closely with female MPs providing support in a number of roles including but not limited to research, speech writing and media support. The would-be Interns will be under the direct supervision of the 50/50 president and will be assigned to the offices of the current 18 female members of parliament. Each intern will be assigned to support 4-5 MPs.

### **Duties & Responsibilities of the Interns**

**Interns will be expected to do the following:**

1. Do research for female MPs on topics and issues that inform debates in parliament

2. Write policy briefs, prepare position papers on critical issues for the attention of the MPs
3. Research legislations tabled before parliament at the request of female MPs, attend parliamentary sittings, debates and provide all the necessary capacity support that will enable female MPs to be more efficient and effective in their role.
4. Coordinate with the media and other engagements of female MPs
5. Assist with managing constituency concerns by bringing those concerns to the attention of MPs. This information could come from social media, print and electronic or other reputable and verifiable sources.

### **Compensation**

This is an unpaid internship position but successful candidates will each receive a monthly stipend and will be expected to work 8 hours a day, five days a week exclusive of weekends and public holidays.

### **Educational Experience**

A Bachelor's or Master's degree in the Social Sciences or Gender Studies is required.

### **Skills Required:**

- Strong research skills and ability to simplify complex topics
- Strong written and oral English skills
- Ability to speak Krio and other local language is an added advantage
- Must have a laptop and an Android Phone
- Competency in the use of Social Media like WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter/LinkedIn required
- Excellent skills in Microsoft word and PowerPoint
- Deep knowledge of how parliament works

**How to apply:** Interested and qualified candidates can send in their application, cover letter and current CV to [bintuk5050group@gmail.com](mailto:bintuk5050group@gmail.com) / [fjohnson@sfcg.org](mailto:fjohnson@sfcg.org) on or before 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

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