

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Job title:	Intern, Communication and Research - A1 Portfolio
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Classification:	Intern	Direct reports:	0
Work location	Utrecht, The Netherlands	Travel required:	0%

DESCRIPTION
About GAIN The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) is a Swiss-based foundation launched at the UN in 2002 to tackle the human suffering caused by malnutrition. Working with both governments and businesses, we aim to transform food systems so that they deliver more nutritious food for all people. At GAIN, we believe that everyone in the world should have access to nutritious and safe food. We work to understand and deliver specific solutions to the daily challenge of food insecurity faced by poor people. By understanding that there is no “one-size-fits-all” model, we develop alliances and build tailored programmes, using a variety of flexible models and approaches. We build alliances between governments, local and global businesses, and civil society to deliver sustainable improvements at scale. We are part of a global network of partners working together to create sustainable solutions to malnutrition. Through alliances, we provide technical, financial and policy support to key participants in the food system. We use specific learning, evidence of impact, and results of projects and programmes to shape and influence the actions of others. Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, GAIN has representative offices in The Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States. In addition, we have country offices in Bangladesh, Benin, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. Programmes and projects are carried out in a variety of other countries, particularly in Africa and Asia. Transforming food systems to improve diet quality and resilience for the most vulnerable (“A1 Portfolio”) For millions of people, nutritious foods such as vegetables and animal-source foods remain out of reach — too expensive, hard to access, unsafe, or simply not appealing enough to become part of daily diets. Through the A1 portfolio (2022–2027), we aim to change this. Working across six African countries — Benin, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Uganda — the programme uses market-based solutions to strengthen food systems and improve the availability and affordability of nutritious foods, helping families, school children, and workers access the safe, healthy food they need to thrive. The A1 portfolio is now entering its final 1.5 years, and many of its projects are starting to bear fruit. As results and early wins emerge, it is increasingly important to capture them systematically and communicate them to a wider audience — ensuring the programme’s impact is well documented and its lessons reach the people who can use them. Knowledge Leadership The Knowledge Leadership (KL) team at GAIN is responsible for the generation of evidence and insights relevant to GAIN’s work of evidence and insights that guide GAIN’s work. They conduct research, monitoring, and evaluation to understand what is working, what isn’t, and why when it comes to achieving our organizational and programme specific goals. They work closely with colleagues in GAIN’s implementing countries. The work done by KL is used both to strengthen GAIN’s own programmes and to influence policy and practice more broadly, through our GAIN paper series, peer-reviewed publications, and engagement with governments, businesses, and other partners.

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GAIN in the Netherlands

Through GAIN's representative office in the Netherlands, GAIN engages with a wide range of organisations and stakeholders based in the Netherlands who are active in the international food systems space. For instance, GAIN Netherlands hosts the secretariat of the Netherlands Working Group on International Nutrition, and attends and organises sessions at key meetings and events, such as the Netherlands Food Partnership's World Food Day event.

Tasks and responsibilities

At GAIN, we strive towards making any internship a meaningful learning opportunity by providing practical experience which is aligned with the intern's learning goals set by the academic institution, and academic or career interests. This internship will work on all three areas mentioned above (the A1 portfolio, Knowledge Leadership, GAIN in the Netherlands), and the content can be further refined based on the interns interests.

For the **A1 portfolio**, the focus will be on:

- consolidating communication products across the portfolio.
- contributing to the development of new communication materials (factsheets, website content, blogs, etc.).
- supporting with reporting to the donor and ad hoc tasks.

For the **Knowledge Leadership team**, the intern will:

- support the team's research and evidence work, likely through the development of briefing papers that translate evidence from evaluations for the lay audience. The relevant projects and programmes will include, but is not limited to, the A1 portfolio.

The role will also support **GAIN's Dutch engagement** work by:

- helping organise key events and sessions in the Netherlands (e.g. World Food Day 2026)
- possibly writing some blogs (based on existing content) for the Netherlands Working Group on International Nutrition.

Key organisational relationships

The intern will be part of the GAIN Netherlands team and reports to the A1 Portfolio Lead (based in the Netherlands). They will work in close contact with GAIN's Communications and Knowledge Leadership departments.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Competencies

- **Languages:** Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.
- **Content Translation:** Simplifying technical data linked to food systems and nutrition into clear factsheets or blogs.
- **Research:** Conducting literature reviews and simple evidence synthesis on nutrition/food systems-related initiatives.
- **Data Synthesis:** Translating data into technical reports and presentations.
- **Management:** Basic knowledge of project management principles.
- **Task Handling:** Strong multitasking, prioritization, and time management.
- **Soft Skills:** Proactive, detail-oriented, flexible, and hands-on attitude.
- **Teamwork:** Ability to work independently and collaboratively.
- **Environment:** Comfortable in fast-paced, international organisations.
- **Software:** Proficiency in standard office systems

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Experience

- **Writing:** Professional or academic writing (articles, blogs, papers).
- **Culture:** Engaging with people from diverse backgrounds.
- **Administration:** Project management or coordination roles (e.g., university group work).
- **Events:** Logistics, scheduling, and on-the-day event support.

Education

- Candidate should be currently enrolled in, or recently graduated from, a Bachelor's or Master's programme in Nutrition, Food Systems, International Development, Public Health, Communications or a related field.

Other requirements

- Candidate needs to have the existing right to live and work in the Netherlands
- Experience of visiting, living, or working within low- and middle-income countries is a significant advantage
- Experience with communications-related design software such as Canva or Adobe is a significant advantage

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- Flexible working hours
- Friendly working environment
- Professional development opportunities