



Job Posting –Communications Specialist

The Inter-Council Network (ICN) is a coalition of the eight Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation. These independent member-based Councils are committed to global social justice and social change, and represent nearly 400 diverse civil society organizations (CSOs) from across Canada. The ICN provides a national forum in which the Councils collaborate for improved effectiveness and identify common priorities for collective action. Rooted in communities across Canada, we are leaders in public engagement at a local and regional level, and are recognized for bringing regional knowledge and priorities to the national level.

As part of the ICN, the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) supports, connects, and amplifies the work of our members and partners, directly engaging and collaborating with Manitobans for global sustainability. As a coordinating structure, we promote public awareness of international issues, foster member interaction, and administer funds for international development.

MCIC, on behalf of the Inter-Council Network, is launching an innovation initiative named **FIT - Fund for Innovation and Transformation/le Fonds pour l'innovation et la transformation**, to test innovative solutions to development challenges. Its purpose is to advance the effective use of and learn from innovative solutions that will improve the lives, equality and empowerment of women and girls, their families and communities in the Global South.

ICN is seeking a qualified bilingual individual to join this exciting new initiative in the role of Communications Specialist.

Job Profile

Reporting to the Director of Innovation, Fund for Innovation and Transformation (FIT) and working closely with the FIT team, the **Communications Specialist** will be responsible for implementing communication strategies for the FIT program to internal and external stakeholders and to the public. This position will also work with the Program Officer, Gender & Public Engagement to support FIT's Public Engagement activities.

This is a full-time **bilingual** position based in Winnipeg, Manitoba for a term of up to four (4) years.

Qualifications

Required:

- Post-secondary degree or diploma in a related field such as communications, journalism, marketing, and/or public relations
- 2+ years of relevant work experience
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills in **both** English & French, including the ability to prepare reports
- Strong interpersonal skills, with the ability to work cooperatively with others to set and achieve goals
- Cross-cultural and gender sensitivity
- Commitment to MCIC's Development Principles
- Effective time management abilities and ability to work within tight deadlines
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Demonstrated proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (including Word, Excel, Outlook & PowerPoint), Adobe Creative Suite (including Acrobat DC, Creative Cloud & Photoshop)
- Experience managing content management systems, website content and social media platforms (including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, YouTube, Facebook for business, Twitter ads, and Mailchimp)
- Ability to work under pressure in a fast-paced work environment
- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada

Preferred:

- 1+ years working in an international development context, and/or for a non-profit organization
- Knowledge of Canadian SMOs
- Knowledge of Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals
- Understanding of a human rights-based approach to development

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Use storytelling to creatively communicate the work of FIT, ICN, SMOs and innovators in the development sector in both English and French
- Draft and edit written communications materials including news releases, blogs, presentations, newsletters, e-newsletters, reports and articles to share with the public and the international development sector
- Coordinate social media and website updates and initiatives
- Compile and analyze communication reports and statistics
- Offer communication support and advice to FIT management and staff
- Liaise with internal and external stakeholders, including other provincial and regional councils, the sector and the public
- Assist with preparing reports for Global Affairs Canada, MCIC and ICN
- Working with the Program Officer, Gender/Public Engagement, assist in developing a Communications and Public Engagement Strategy for FIT
- Represent MCIC and FIT at community activities and events as needed
- Other duties as required

Working Conditions

- 37.5 hours per week
- Office environment on site at MCIC in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In exceptional cases, the incumbent may be permitted to work remotely from another city and/or province.
- May be required to work evenings, weekends or additional hours to accommodate activities such as meetings or FIT events

Position: Full-time term

Salary: \$42,000-\$47,000 plus benefits

Application Deadline: November 22, 2019

Start Date: As soon as possible

Please submit a cover letter and resume by email to jobs@mcic.ca. Please indicate in the subject line the title of the position you are applying for.