European Schoolnet (EUN) is looking for an enthusiastic Research Trainee (Ref. DigCit-TR2021-1) to join its Digital Citizenship Team in Brussels, for 6 months, starting in April 2021.

The Digital Citizenship team runs a variety of platforms and projects covering areas such as digital skills, media literacy, online safety and hate speech, with an overarching focus on how to empower children, youth, teachers and carers with the knowledge and skills needed to actively participate in today’s digital society. Alongside other activity lines, the Digital Citizenship Team is currently involved in two EC-funded H2020 research projects and one EC-funded REC project on children’s engagement with digital technologies. Working at an international not-for-profit educational organisation, the Research Trainee will gain hands-on experience collecting and analysing qualitative data (stakeholder interviews, focus groups, etc.) while helping to translate the emerging research findings into recommendations and materials of relevance for European policy makers and practitioners.

The successful candidate will support the project coordinator in all activities related to these three EC-funded projects, particularly in relation to the recruitment of participants, data collection, analysis and reporting of findings. The candidate must have a strong research profile and interest in European policy and practice in the areas of education, digital skills, media literacy, online safety and/or digital citizenship. The traineeship will also require excellent organisation, analytical, writing and communication skills (in English).

MAIN TASKS

Supporting the ySKILLS, CO:RE and KID_ACTIONS projects

- Together with the project coordinator, carry out in-depth interviews with experts in the field of cyberbullying.
- Carry out co-creation workshops and focus groups with educational stakeholders including children, educators and parents from across Europe on issues related to children’s engagement with digital technologies.
- Transcribe interviews and focus groups.
- Analyse the data collected.
- Report research findings.
- Contribute and co-author academic (e.g. journal articles or conference papers) and non-academic publications (e.g. reports for policy-makers, blogs, etc.).
- Any other project-related activities as deemed necessary by the project coordinator (e.g. preparing presentations, participating in project related meetings, co-organising meetings or webinars, etc.).
Supporting other team activities
Apart from its primary involvement in the ySKILLS, CO:RE and KID_ACTIONS projects, the trainee will also support ongoing work of the Digital Citizenship Working Group which brings together nominees from European Ministries of Education with the aim to develop a strategic Digital Citizenship framework, to give a steer to EUN’s Digital Citizenship roadmap, to provide a platform for exchange between EUN network members, identifying best practices to share and challenges to overcome, while exploring new areas of work.

PROFILE AND SKILLS
• A Master’s degree in a relevant field (e.g. communication sciences, media studies or other social sciences)
• Good knowledge of empirical research methods, with a particular interest in qualitative research (e.g. stakeholder interviews, focus groups, etc.)
• The traineeship will provide relevant experience for those who wish to pursue an academic career in an applied research domain or those wish to carry out research in policy, media studies, education or similar settings
• Fluent written and spoken English; additional languages would be an asset
• Ability to work independently and remotely
• Strong organisational skills, flexibility and ability to learn fast, as well as the ability to meet tight and multiple deadlines and able to work autonomously
• Knowledge and experience of remote working & collaboration tools (e.g. Teams, Zoom, Lifesize, etc.), knowledge of online tools for organising interactive workshops or brainstorm sessions is an asset (e.g. Miro)
• Strong communication and interpersonal skills
• Self-starter with problem-solving approach
• Accuracy and attention to detail
• Strong diplomatic skills to liaise with a wide range of stakeholders (e.g. international project partners, education professionals, parents, etc.).

USEFUL INFORMATION
• Duration: maximum six months starting in April 2021.
• Deadline for applications: 5 March 2021.
• Benefits: a stipend of 1000 €/month net for the duration of the internship.
• Location: European Schoolnet, Rue de Treves, 61, Brussels, Belgium. The intern will have to be domiciled in Belgium during the internship, even if working from home is needed during the COVID-related restrictions.
• You should be a EU-citizen or in possession of a valid work permit for Belgium.
HOW TO APPLY

1. Please send your CV and motivation letter in English to jobs@eun.org by 5 March 2021. The motivation letter should show how your background and interests fit the tasks planned for this job.
2. Send us an example of a publication written by you (e.g. academic article, essay, blog article, news article, etc.)
3. Make sure to include the correct vacancy reference (Ref. DigCiT-TR2021-1) in the subject of the email and file names.

PLEASE NOTE

• Interviews will take place as soon as possible either in Brussels or at distance.
• Due to the volume of applications, we regret to be able to only notify pre-selected candidates.

ABOUT EUROPEAN SCHOOLNET

European Schoolnet is the network of 32 European Ministries of Education, based in Brussels. As a not-for-profit organisation, we aim to bring innovation in teaching and learning to our key stakeholders: Ministries of Education, schools, teachers, researchers, and industry partners. Since its founding in 1997, European Schoolnet has used its links with education ministries to help schools make effective use of educational technologies, equipping both teachers and pupils with the skills to achieve in the knowledge society. In particular, we pledge to:

• Support schools in achieving effective use of ICT in teaching and learning.
• Improve and raise the quality of education in Europe.
• Promote the European dimension in education.