

BSA Intern Programme

The Broadcasting Standards Authority (**BSA**) is an independent Crown entity which determines complaints about broadcasting standards, undertakes research about community attitudes and works with broadcasters to develop and oversee the standards regime for television and radio. In delivering its services, the BSA promotes the importance of broadcasters balancing their right to freedom of expression with their obligation to avoid harm. The BSA engages with and educates broadcasters about the standards to assist them to meet their obligations under the Broadcasting Act 1989. The principles of natural justice and the principles of partnership, protection and participation inherent in Te Tiriti o Waitangi are important in the work the BSA undertakes.

The BSA offers a part-time intern opportunity for a tertiary student or graduate to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of media and communications, journalism, law and the public sector in a workplace environment at the BSA's Wellington Office.

How many positions are available?

Generally there is one internship for 3-6 months. But this may vary depending on the needs of the BSA.

Who should apply?

Applicants will have completed at least 3 years of tertiary study in a relevant subject and will be either in their final year of study, studying towards a post-graduate degree or diploma, or will have graduated in the last 2 years.

Relevant subjects include media, communications, journalism, film/screen/television studies, radio broadcasting, law, political science.

Applicants will have a passion for the constantly changing media environment and content sector and the role that freedom of expression has to play in New Zealand's democratic society.

Intern responsibilities include supporting the Chief Executive, Executive Office Manager and Legal Team on broadcasting standards complaints and enquiries, relevant research related to broadcasting standards and the evolving content sector, data analysis and reporting, and administration of the broadcasting levy system.

Embracing BSA's [values](#) and supporting the BSA to achieve its vision of fairness and freedom in broadcasting is a key requirement of the role.

The intern will also be required to:

- Work collaboratively within a small team
- Communicate clearly orally and in writing
- Use initiative, think critically and contribute their ideas.

When is the internship available?

Internships commence during the university summer holiday period and run for an initial period of 3 months, with the possibility of an extension.

Application process

Applicants are invited to submit their CV, academic transcript and a covering letter for the attention of the Chief Executive of the BSA.

The covering letter should include an answer to the following questions:

- Why are you interested in working for the BSA?
- How will the internship advance your career aspirations?
- Which broadcasting standard do you value highly and why?

Key dates

- Applications must be submitted by **5pm on Friday 15 December 2017**.
- Interviews will take place in the weeks commencing **18 December 2017** and **8 January 2018**, if required.
- The appointment will be confirmed in the week commencing **15 January 2018**.
- Start date is **22 January 2018**.

Any queries and all applications can be directed to: BSA Executive Office Manager, Hayley Kinsey at HayleyK@bsa.govt.nz or 04 382 9508.