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Refraction Media are offering an ASC member the opportunity undertake an internship with their team.

Refraction Media is a niche publisher with a global reputation and distribution, and winner of Best Small Publisher Award 2015. With clients including Google, plus Australia’s leading universities and most innovative start-ups, Refraction Media create, market and distribute content specialising in science, technology, engineering and maths, or STEM.

As a Refraction Intern, you’ll be working with a team of award-winning editors and journalists to research, write and check content about STEM. You might find yourself interviewing scientists, discussing story angles with editors, updating websites, proofreading copy, researching story ideas, and even creating your own stories in published magazines and websites with your byline. Refraction interns have gone on to work for Nature, Australian Geographic, and on TV! You’ll get an excellent grounding in science communication from the leaders in their field, the opportunity to network with other science communicators, and to learn in a fast-paced, friendly and exciting environment.

It is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to enhance their tactical communication skills.

The internship length is open for discussion, you would be working with the team in the Sydney office and would need to provide your own accommodation while in Sydney however, **Refraction Media will reimburse flight costs for those travelling interstate**.

The recommended time to achieve the best outcome is 3 weeks, however for those who need to travel this could be negotiated with aspects of the internship moving online if required.

**SECTION 1 – YOUR DEETS FOR OUR RECORDS**

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| Name: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Phone: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Current position title: |  |
| Current employer:  |  |
| Current employment status (f/t, p/t, casual, contractor, etc):  |  |
| ASC member since: |  |
| ASC membership type: |  |
| Current extracurricular activities (volunteer work, sports, arts): |  |

*Please also attach a one page CV with educational, workshop and employment experience.*

**SECTION 2 – TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF**

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| Why did you join the Australian Science Communicators? (100 words max) |  |
| What inspires you about science communication? (250 words max) |  |
| What professional development have you undertaken in the past five years? |  |
| Where do you see yourself in five years’ time? (250 words max) |  |
| In the space of a tweet (140 characters) describe science communication? |  |

**SECTION 3 – TELL US ABOUT YOUR WRITING BACKGROUND**

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| This might sound strange but tell us about the current technology you own? (i.e. phone, tablet, laptop etc) |  |
| How do you go about sourcing science content for articles? |  |
| Tell us a bit about your writing experience? How often, where do you write, who is your audience? |  |
| What do you want to get out of an internship with Refraction Media |  |

**SECTION 4 – THE ASSESSMENT**

To narrow down the candidates, we want you to provide 3 examples of your writing:

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| Title: |
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**SECTION 5 – SIGNING OFF**

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| Your Name (please print) |  |
| Your Signature (can be electronic) |  |
| Signature Date (dd/mm/yy) |  |

*Please note that all information on this form will remain confidential and will only be seen by those involved in the grants program (manager, reviewers and panel).*

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