



## **Job Description**

**Post Title:** Widening Student Participation Assistant - Internship

**Salary:** This post has been evaluated at Grade 2.

**Hours:** 35 hours per week, 12 months internship.

Work Base: The post holder will be expected to work at the Penryn and Falmouth

campuses.

Employer: FXU is a registered charity governed by an elected Board of Trustees, to whom all

employees are accountable. Staff are employed by Falmouth University on behalf

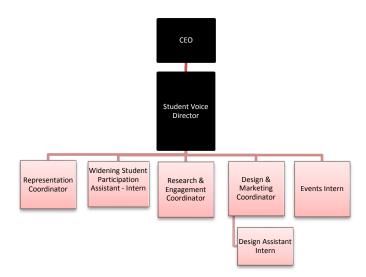
of the FXU Board of Trustees

Date: May 2015

**Responsible To:** Student Voice Director

**Accountable to:** The democratic decision-making process of the organisation, in line with the

Constitution.



#### **Purpose of Post:**

This is a temporary fixed-term internship for twelve months for provide work experience and offer opportunity to gain insight into issues related to widening participation working in the students' union. The intern will have an opportunity to obtain experience working with all the FXU departments to assist in widening participation projects. To support greater student involvement from underrepresented groups. To work alongside the Student Voice Director to develop a wide range of activities targeted at those from underrepresented groups.

#### 1. Main Duties & Responsibilities

- 1.1. To support the Student Voice team and FXU in developing and delivering activities for current students, particularly those from underrepresented groups.
- 1.2. Support elected officers, student groups and staff to devise and deliver engaging, evidence based campaigns on issues surrounding widening participation within FXU activities.
- 1.3. Lead on effective and useful research that helps the Union understand issues related to widening participation within FXU activities and services.
- 1.4. To provide administrative support and advice to the Student Voice team as directed by the Student Voice Director.
- 1.5. Analysis of data to produce and help deliver briefings to full time officers and the Student Voice team.
- 1.6. Working with our Student Voice team on how we can get more students involved in FXU activities, events and campaigns.
- 1.7. Helping to deliver training and support to students as directed by the Student Voice team.
- 1.8. Generally making yourself useful as part of a small team in the Student Voice team.

### 2. General Duties and Responsibilities

- 2.1. To work in line with the FXU Mission, Vision and Values at all times, working with others to provide a supportive, responsive, student-centered environment and services.
- 2.2. To actively support elected student officers, volunteers and employees in playing a full role in FXU decision making and activities, ensuring that FXU maintains a student-led ethos.
- 2.3. To present a positive image of FXU at all times, through every aspect of your work.
- 2.4. To maintain an up to the minute working knowledge of all FXU service areas in order to support them and provide accurate, detailed information to students and others.
- 2.5. To ensure that all FXU policies, procedures and agreed protocols are adhered to.
- 2.6. To contribute to FXU planning, review, monitoring and reporting processes and activities.
- 2.7. To participate in FXU team meetings and activities and represent FXU at other meetings as agreed.
- 2.8. To ensure that all FXU marketing and communication materials within the designated area of responsibility are accurate and up to date. Participate in open days and events as agreed to promote FXU.
- 2.9. To actively support equality and diversity policies of FXU, University of Exeter and Falmouth University.
- 2.10. To respect the rights of individuals by maintaining confidentiality and working in line with data protection legislation.
- 2.11. To attend training courses as identified and agreed for appropriate development.
- 2.12. To participate in the Annual Performance Development Review Process.
- 2.13. To communicate, liaise and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues within Falmouth University, University of Exeter and Falmouth Exeter Plus, as well as individuals and organisations outside FXU and the institutions eg suppliers, promoters, local businesses, media / press contacts, etc.
- 2.14. Working within the Health and Safety at Work Act, the postholder has a legal duty to take reasonable care for Health and Safety both for themselves and others who may be affected by their actions. They are also required to undertake Health and Safety training commensurate with the level required by the post and to take part in risk assessment procedures and the implementation of agreed recommended work practices within the area.
- 2.15. To undertake other duties not specifically stated above, which from time to time are necessary without altering the nature or level of responsibility involved.
- 2.16. To work in accordance with FXU's Environmental Impact & Ethics Policy and to make a commitment to improving FXU's environmental impact by means of energy saving and recycling in the workplace.

# 2.17. **Person Specification**

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications		
Educated to Grade C or above in GCSE Maths and English (or equivalent	Х	
qualifications/experience)		
A degree or equivalent qualification		Х
Experience		
experience in supporting and representing students	Х	
experience of delivering a programme of activities	Х	
experience of working with internal and external stakeholders	Х	
Relevant administrative experience preferably gained in the higher education sector	Х	
experience of successful project management		Х
Knowledge		
Knowledge of the barriers faced in widening participation by underrepresented groups of students within the HE sector	Х	
Demonstrate a knowledge of research tools available to understand issues related to widening participation	х	
Familiarity with monitoring trends and analysing data, statistics and performance measurements related to volunteering activity		Х
Knowledge of child protection and safeguarding legislation, equality and diversity issues		Х
Skills		
Excellent communication skills – including written & networking skills	Х	
Ability to deal with a varied and complex workload, with the ability to work independently and as a committed team member	х	
Knowledge of IT packages; outlook, excel, databases	Х	