

UX Intern (volunteer position)

Location	Remote
Start date	As soon as possible
Duration	3 months
Requirements	Access to computer, good internet connection
Compensation	Unpaid
Working days	Mon - Thurs
Working hours	24 hours / week (Usual working hours 10am - 5pm)

About Acume

Acume is an ambitious UK tech startup bridging the huge divide between academics and professionals by making academic knowledge more accessible. It does this by facilitating dialogue between scholars and professionals, changing the format of academic papers, and with tailored recommendations.

We want to let professionals read the key insights of an academic paper in 10 minutes. As we believe the less time it takes, the more research will be used.

By making research fast to read and easy to access, we can increase the influence and use of academic research across policy and practice – leading to effective decisions and better results.

A core part of our mission is to support inclusion and diversity of academic research. Due to western structures and financial constraints, some scholars are not offered the same platforms as others. We want to change this. We want to ensure our search results always reflect balanced perspectives (local & international, female & male, young and old) to challenge confirmation bias and help to innovate the sector.

For more information visit: <https://www.acume.org>

About the role

We're looking for an all-round designer with a passion for designing and delivering an excellent User Experience (UX). As an integral contributor to our platform and business development, the ideal candidate will be a knowledgeable, motivated, and well-organised professional who thrives by being creative, independent and challenged. The preferred candidate will be able to work relatively independently, have strong problem-solving skills, lots of initiative, and confidence to suggest creative solutions.

We are looking for someone with a good eye for design. Currently our public-facing website is a basic WordPress version. We are simultaneously improving our WordPress version while building a more sophisticated second version of the website using AWS modules. We are seeking someone who can help design the backend into an attractive, simple and intuitive user experience, and who can help to redesign and add functionality to the current WordPress version.

We seek someone who holds an interest in our social mission and is committed to serving the international affairs and development sector.

The intern will gain first-hand experience in platform development and developing an attractive website and user experience. The intern will gain experience at an ambitious and international startup, and have the opportunity to be a part of an initiative that has big ideas to reform the international affairs and development sector. During the internship, you'll have the opportunity to suggest and apply your own user-experience and design ideas.

The role is remote, but as we are based between the UK and the Netherlands, it is nice but not necessary for the candidate to be based in one of these locations too. The role will be managed by Acume's Tech Lead, Shane Nolan.

Key responsibilities

- Taking the lead on the development of a custom website using WordPress, from designing engaging landing pages to producing professional email templates, you will be responsible for driving our overall user experience and helping produce a platform that our customers love
- Carry out user-acceptance and user-experience testing of the product to make sure it remains robust, reliable, intuitive and enjoyable
- General WordPress administration and maintenance of the hosting environment
- Translating business requirements into technical requirements, and subsequently producing optimal user journeys
- Assisting with backend development when needed to help develop MVP
- Assist in other special design projects as needed
- Regularly presenting your work to internal teams
- Possibly collaborating with marketing to produce highly visible, high quality social media content

Selection Criteria

- A relevant degree in IT, UX, or design is very favourable
- Related Demonstrated web design experience and a deep understanding of UX principles; a high-quality portfolio is very advantageous
- You have a keen eye for aesthetics and design and are passionate to deliver great designs
- Familiar with WordPress, with knowledge of HTML/CSS/PHP



- You have the ability to clearly communicate and present ideas
- You listen to customer feedback and are governed by their needs

How to apply

To apply, please send your CV along with a cover letter that outlines your motivation for applying and how this internship can assist you with your future ambitions to Yasmine Finbow (jobs@acume.org). If you have any questions then please do not hesitate.