



Merchants Quay Ireland – Graduate Internship Programme 2022/2023

Merchants Quay Ireland (MQI) is a national voluntary agency providing services for homeless people and for drug users. We are committed to a strong vision whereby nobody is without a home, the instance of drug related harm is minimised and the range and quality of drug treatment is maximised.

What is it?

This programme offers an exciting opportunity for college graduates to gain skills, knowledge and experience in the area of social care especially as it relates to the issues of addiction and /or homelessness. We are especially interested in hearing from graduates who have completed degree qualifications in either **social care or social science** where you can put into practice the learning and skills you have acquired and wish to develop further in the area of addiction and /or homelessness.

What do we provide?

The Graduate Internship programme runs from February to January and we will be recruiting for it in June this year. While on our programme, the graduate intern is paid a living allowance of **€19,110** per annum based on a 35-hour week. They have access to regular supervision, quality-based training and employee assistance. As well as being primarily allocated to work in one service, they also have the opportunity to visit each of the other MQI services to see how they operate.

What do we ask of the Graduate Intern?

In exchange for this, they are asked to work 35 hours a week for a period of one year. It is important to us that they are committed to developing their skills and knowledge for the benefit of those who are marginalized through drug use or homelessness.