**Consumers India**

In collaboration with

**THE SOCIETY FOR UPLIFTMENT OF MASSES (SUM)**

*An NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the*

***United Nations***

Invites applications for

**‘We for Change’ Internship Programme**

**From September 30, 2017 to October 21, 2017**

**Please note the following details and apply well in time**

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| **Eligibility**                            | **All above 15 years of age** |
| **Last date for receipt of complete application in prescribed format** | **September 23, 2017** |
| **Finalisation of selection process and communication to applicants** | **September 25-27, 2017** |
| **Date of Induction Programme in Delhi** | **September 30, 2017** |
| **Period of Internship** | **Three weeks from September 30, 2017 to October 21, 2017** |
| **Date of final submission of assignments, duly approved by Mentors, along with Completion & Evaluation Report** | **October 21, 2017** |
| **Location of the programme** | **New Delhi** |
| **Registration Fee** | **Nil; Totally free** |
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**Application Form & Guidelines are given below.**

***About Consumers India***

*Consumers India is an intellectually strong organization comprising senior  officers of  Government of India (generally retired), doctors, engineers, academics and others, who have joined hands to use their knowledge and experience for the well being of consumers.*

*The organization was registered on 18.05.2007 under Societies Registration Act, 1860. It is also registered under Sections 12A read with section 12AA and 80 G (5) (vi) of Income Tax Act, 1961.*

*Consumers India has taken up several important campaigns with a view to safeguard interests of large number of consumers. Some of them relate to ‘Unethical Medical Practices’, ‘Misleading Ads’, ‘Ageing with Dignity’, ‘Access to Affordable Medicines’,  ‘Right to Information’, ‘Justice for all…Just Now’, ‘I am a city changer’, ‘Junk the junk food’ etc.*

*Catalyzing the energy of youth through Internship Programme and All-India Painting/Slogan/On-line Photography Contests etc has been a major milestone achieved by Consumers India.*

*Further details may be seen on*[***www.consumersindia.in***](http://www.consumersindia.in/) and [***http://drjayashreegupta.blogspot.in/***](http://drjayashreegupta.blogspot.in/)

***About  SUM***

*The Society for Upliftment of Masses (SUM), An NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the****United Nations,****has an active interface with United Nations. The statements submitted by the Society for ECOSOC High Level Segments during 2013, 2014 and 2015 were accepted by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. They were circulated amongst all member States after being translated in all the UN languages. Several strategies have been suggested in these Statements for sustaining gains relating to ‘Health’ in Post-MDG era.*

*The Society had sent detailed comments to UN on the ‘Sustainable Development Goals’, with special reference to the Goal relating to Health and Wellbeing at all Ages. Most of the suggestions made by it, have found their place in ‘2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’ adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 25 September 2015.*

**Those interested in joining this programme may note the above schedule and email their application in prescribed format, which is given below at the earliest, well within the prescribed deadline, to****jayashree@consumersindia.co.in**

**Those who had sent their application for internship earlier are required to apply afresh for enrolment in this batch.**

**This is Internship with a Difference**

**‘Internship’ programme** was launched by Consumers India for students pursuing higher education on 15th September, 2012 and twenty batches have since been held successfully. They have studied important consumer issues under the able guidance of experienced mentors. Several issues, highlighted by interns in their studies, have been taken up with the concerned authorities at the highest level. Details of studies undertaken by interns so far may be seen on[**http://drjayashreegupta.blogspot.in/2013/02/studies-conducted-by-interns.html**](http://drjayashreegupta.blogspot.in/2013/02/studies-conducted-by-interns.html)

With a view to meet increasing demand for internship from various institutions/segments, **‘We for Change’ Internship** was launched on November 7, 2015. This internship focuses on acquiring knowledge about various aspects of consumer movement through discussions, case studies, exercises, project work and other innovative ways and making use of that knowledge in day-to-day life.

The programme will familiarise participants with burning consumer concerns like consumer justice, misleading advertisements, junk food, unethical medical practices, Right to Information etc andhelp them make well-informed decisions by being aware consumers.

**Learning Outcome and Goals**

**At the end of the Internship, you will**

  Become an enlightened consumer, familiar with your rights and responsibilities as a consumer

  Make well informed decisions in your day-today life

  Be able to avoid the trap of misleading advertisements

  Be able to report misleading ads to Advertising Standards Authority of India (ASCI) and also help others do it

  Be familiar with the power of RTI  Act

  Be able to file RTI applications for seeking information from Public Authorities and also help others do it

  Gain practical knowledge and experience of conducting a survey on a consumer issue and analysing that data in a presentable format under guidance of mentors.

**Guidelines for Internship  with Consumers India**

1.    This internship is open to all above 15 years of age, having interest in consumer issues.

2.    Interested candidates are required to fill up prescribed form with complete and correct details. They are also required to give at least one reference with complete details in their application.

3.    Their suitability for internship with Consumers India will be adjudged on the basis of their application. They will be inducted into internship if found suitable. Decision of Consumers India will be final in this regard.

4.    Internship Location is New Delhi.

5.    No stipend is paid to interns by Consumers India. Similarly no reimbursement of expenditure incurred on travel etc is made by Consumers India.

6.    Consumers India is not responsible for any arrangements for stay etc for outstation candidates.

**7.**    Induction Programme of half a day duration will be organised at the start of the Internship Batch. After the induction process is over, the intern will be assigned a project to be completed by a group of 3-4 interns during the period of internship.  The subject of this project would be decided in consultation with the intern and will be commensurate with her/his age, education and area of interest. **It is mandatory to participate in Induction Programme.**

8.    In addition to above, Interns would be expected to take up some individual activities and promotional assignments given by Consumers India and raise awareness regarding concerns and activities of Consumers India as per guidelines provided from time to time.

9.    The progress of the assignments would be monitored on weekly basis. The interns residing in NCR would be expected to come for face-to face interaction with mentors at least once a week.

10. After the induction process is over, outstation interns may be permitted, on request, to pursue  this internship with the help of on-line guidance.

11. Intellectual inputs and guidelines to facilitate successful completion of this programme will be provided by experts in Consumers India.

12. Interns would be expected to follow the time schedule assigned for each activity and submit their assignments, duly approved by Mentor well in time. They will also submit Completion and Evaluation Report in prescribed format.

13. After successful completion of all assignments, Internship Certificate will be given to the Intern by Consumers India.

14. **After evaluation by experts, the findings emanating from such assignments  may be utilised for awareness and advocacy campaigns of Consumers India and SUM.**

**Internship Form**

**Please enroll me as an ‘Intern’ with Consumers India in ‘We for Change’ Internship Programme starting from September 30, 2017. My particulars are as under:**

Name (in block letters) \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Gender (Male or Female)\_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_   Age & Date of birth\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_

Educational Qualifications/class & year/semester in which studying \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_\_

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Occupation of the applicant (if applicable): \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Complete Postal Address of the applicant (Give complete address with PIN Code on which you would like to receive your Certificate)\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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Email of the applicant: \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Hobbies/special interests\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**Reasons for your interest in this Internship**\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_\_

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How you came to know about this internship \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Have you been enrolled in any of the earlier batches of internship with Consumers India? If yes, pl provide details ………………………………………..……………

**Reference of a faculty member of your Institution/ family member/friend/** (Pl provide details relating to name, relationship, designation, institution, complete postal address, mobile no and email id) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_\_

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**Certified that the particulars given above are correct.**

**If selected, I will pursue this Internship Programme with full commitment and will abide by the guidelines provided by Consumers India. I will participate in the Induction Workshop at Delhi on the given time and place.**

**Date:                                                                                        Name**

**Signature not required at this stage**

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