

# **Republic of Media First Role Trainee Scheme**

### **Job Details**

Job Titles	2 x roles available
	Digital Media Trainee, Edinburgh
Package	£18,500 salary, plus contributory pension, and other benefits.
	Rising to £22,000 plus annual bonus (company performance
	dependent but typically 2 weeks salary) on completion of
	training scheme.
Department	Digital
Line Manager	Simon Watson, Head of Digital
Location	Edinburgh
Hours	37.5 per week
Permanent or Fixed Term	Permanent (6-month probationary period)

#### Introduction

The Republic of Media First Role Trainee Scheme is a full-time permanent-role training scheme for graduates and other ambitious individuals looking to establish a career in digital media planning and buying. During a scheme lasting 12-18 months and culminating in a role as a Digital Media Executive at Republic of Media, you will receive on-the-job and external training and develop a range of skills to enable you to excel in this exciting industry. More than a quarter of Republic of Media's staff began their careers on this scheme.

## **Job Purposes**

As a **Digital Media Trainee** your job will be to plan, implement, manage, and report on digital media campaigns for a variety of clients as digital activity plays an increasingly important role in today's media mix. Working in the Digital team alongside Communications Planners, trading specialists and suppliers, you will work with online media types, including social media, online video, digital audio, display and paid search.

You will be responsible for billing and expected to create media schedules and other client-ready documents, so numeracy and attention to detail is paramount. Successful candidates will be trained to use a variety of tools and programs in order to reach our client's campaign objectives for brand and direct response activities. The right candidates will progress rapidly within a structured development programme.

## **Required Competencies**

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	Accurate written and verbal communication is essential.
Communication	You should be able to articulate ideas and thoughts in an
Communication	effective and concise manner.
	We expect you to make positive contributions to the business in
	both agency and client meetings.
	An absolute team player, comfortable working with internal and
	external stakeholders.

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Knowledge	This is an entry level role suitable for a recent graduate or someone with some experience or interest in the industry.  Previous work experience is advantageous but not a necessity, but applicants should have an interest and enthusiasm for advertising and paid communications.
General	There is a requirement to deal with large amounts of data accurately so ideally our Trainees should be both analytical, highly numerate and detail focused.  You will have an inquisitive nature and be interested in consumer behaviour.  A creative thinker who can deliver and communicate exciting and effective connected media plans for our clients.  You'll enjoy learning how to use systems and get the best out of them.

### Who are Republic of Media?

We plan and buy advertising space on behalf of clients including bet365, The Scottish Government, Magners Cider, Whyte & Mackay, Highland Spring, Cambridge Weight Plan and many others. With offices in both Manchester and Edinburgh were a talented team of 52 people. As a media agency with an emphasis on being truly independent, we specialise in communication planning, media buying, brand building, digital media and innovation.

An IPA (institute of practitioners in advertising) member agency, we have been trading for over 8 years and provide accredited CPD training, a competitive salary, plus the challenge and excitement of joining an ambitious, fast growing agency.

### Diversity and inclusion

Republic of Media are committed to best practice in diversity and inclusion. We welcome and encourage applications from all sectors of society including those with disabilities and applicants from a BAME background. In order to encourage diverse applicants, we will consider any background and education for this scheme although the majority of successful applicants are likely to have a further education qualification or be able to clearly demonstrate the required competencies.

# **The Application Process**

The recruitment for our first Role Trainee Scheme is usually carried out over half a day in the office with a group of applicants carrying out various tasks under observation. It is our intention to carry out a similar approach virtually using video conferencing.

The process will run as follows:

- 1.) Those wishing to apply should send their CV and a cover letter outlining your interest and experience by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July to <u>jobs@republicofmedia.co.uk</u>.
- 2.) A longlist of candidates will then be asked to supply a 3-5-minute-long video submission (topic to be shared post deadline).
- 3.) A shortlist of candidates will then be asked to a virtual group recruitment session via Zoom, consisting of:
  - a. Short introductions / ice breakers from every candidate
  - b. An introduction to Republic of Media and the roles from a senior member of staff



- c. Written and maths tasks, where applicants will be given instructions and can ask questions privately
- d. Group discussions where applicants will be provided with thought provoking statements designed to encourage debate and questions amongst the group
- e. Individual 'speed date' interviews
- 4.) A second interview process may also apply.

### COVID-19

Due to the current global pandemic, we are working both remotely and from our regularly sanitised COVID-19 compliant offices. As a team of dynamic practitioners, we have set ourselves up to work efficiently from home providing daily contact with team members. We speak openly and honestly to our team about their personal circumstances during the current pandemic.

It is likely roles would initially be home-based until office-based working for non-essential staff is allowed. However, you may be required to visit the office for tasks that cannot be completed from home. Consideration will be given to candidates who are unable to work from home. Please indicate any special circumstances (e.g., medical shielding, lack of home internet connection) in your cover letter.