

HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNSHIP

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS
ASSOCIATIONS (WFUNA)

DURATION: 4 MONTHS - LOCATION, GENEVA

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) is a global nonprofit organization working for a stronger and more effective United Nations. Established in 1946, we represent and coordinate a membership of over 100 United Nations Associations and their thousands of members. We work to build a better world by strengthening and improving the United Nations, through the engagement of people who share a global mindset and support international cooperation – global citizens. Our organization has offices at the United Nations in both New York and Geneva and hosts interns in both locations. www.wfuna.org

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Peacekeeping missions offer assistance, protection and security to vulnerable populations in the midst of global conflicts and chaos. However, there are an alarming number of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse cases perpetrated by some serving under the UN Flag. Actions have been taken by the UN and many Member States, both in UN operations and at the global level, to enhance peace operations by working to combat and prevent SEA and ultimately make them sustainably successful. However, significant results are still too slow to appear. WFUNA launched the “Not under the United Nations Flag” campaign in December 2017 to strengthen the implementation of those existing tools, further develop them and create new ones to achieve the complete eradication of SEA.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Intern will provide support to the assigned Officer for the Not Under the UN Flag Campaign and any other Human Rights programs. He/she will also participate to the general tasks of the office of WFUNA in Geneva.

KEY TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ✓ Research, monitoring and drafting on program-related subjects;
- ✓ Outreach to potential sponsors, donors, and partners;
- ✓ Event organization and management;
- ✓ Assisting with grant applications and social media of the program;



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- ✓ Communications with United Nations Associations through email and phone;
- ✓ Assisting with strategy and budget of the program.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSABILITIES:

- ✓ Representing WFUNA at UN meetings and events, and sharing relevant information with interested UNAs;
- ✓ Assisting with website management and contributing written materials to WFUNA's website;
- ✓ Attending sessions of the Human Rights Council and other UN agencies;
- ✓ Participating to the office maintenance and preparation of the daily news scan.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

1. The WFUNA Secretariat office is located within the Palais des Nations, the United Nations building in Geneva. The Intern will have access to the United Nations building, conferences and events, and resources such as the UN Library.
2. This position offers an excellent networking opportunity – the Intern will be able to make contact with UN staff, diplomats, UNA members, academics, and NGO representatives, and meet other interns from around the world who are working at the UN.

EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES REQUIRED:

- ✓ Fluency in English; knowledge of French or another UN language is a plus;
- ✓ Strong writing, drafting and computer skills;
- ✓ Background in Human Rights, Political Sciences, International Relations, Law or related subjects;
- ✓ Capacity to adapt to an international environment;
- ✓ Involvement in student affairs or non-profit organizations, and familiarity with the UN system are beneficial.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Current enrollment in university studies in a relevant field, including International Law, Political Sciences, or International Relations.
- ✓ Valid work permit for Switzerland at the time of application.

Starting date: 7 January 2019 or other mutually agreed date

To apply, please send an email with a cover letter and a CV (2 pages maximum each) at internships.gva@wfuna.org with a copy to varenne@wfuna.org

Please note that only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.

WFUNA is committed to equality of opportunity and encouraged applications from all individuals regardless of sex, age, disability, gender identity, or ethnicity.