



Internship opportunity

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is looking for a Protection Intern at the UNHCR Representation in Warsaw, Poland

About

UNHCR opened its office in Poland in 1992. The office monitors access to asylum, reception conditions for asylum-seekers, and mainstream services and integration assistance for people granted international protection. The office strongly advocates for Poland's accession to statelessness Conventions and participation in the burden sharing through inter alia resettlement and complementary pathways of admission for refugees.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. Promoting respect for international protection norms in European Union law and policy is of vital importance to UNHCR, and the agency, accordingly, provides its views on a wide range of issues related to access to Europe, asylum, refugee protection, resettlement and integration.

The internship

Objectives

The role of the intern is to support the Representation in its daily activities.

The internship provides an opportunity for interns to gain experience in the field of protection and integration of refugees by assisting the Protection Unit and learn to perform at high international standards at a UN agency.

Tasks

- To support research on a wide range of subjects related to refugee protection, border management, solutions and asylum policy and practice relevant in the EU context, including international and European refugee and human rights law;
- To review and analyze relevant reports issued by UNHCR, EU bodies, civil society organizations or the media;
- To provide statistical analysis of refugee and migration trends in Poland and Europe;
- To assist in the implementation of various initiatives undertaken by the UNHCR Representation in Poland, designed to promote and assess the application of international and European refugee and human rights law; with a focus on SGBV
- To assist in the drafting of minutes of meetings, reports or advocacy documents prepared by UNHCR;
- To assist in the preparation of meetings, events, and conferences as well as support to follow-up action;
- To assist with other tasks that may arise.

- Duration** The UNHCR Representation in Poland offer this internship assignments for 6 months starting on 1 October 2019 and ending on 31 December 2019. The Intern will be based with the UNHCR Representation in Poland, in Warsaw.
- Administration** Interns receive a monthly Food and Local Transportation Allowance equivalent of 10% of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) of the duty station, not exceeding USD 1,000 per month, payable in local currency. In cases the intern is sponsored and receives funding from another institution or sponsor UNHCR will pay the difference between the sponsored amount and the above allowance, if any.
Upon completion of the internship, interns are provided with an official UNHCR attestation letter and upon request and agreement with the supervisor a letter of recommendation. The incumbent will be required to hold a valid medical insurance covering the full period of the internship.

Application

- Required qualifications** In order to be considered eligible, the candidate must meet the following criteria:
- Be a current student or a recent graduate (completed studies within one year) of a graduate/undergraduate school programme from a university or higher education facility accredited by UNESCO; and have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies in a field relevant or of interest to the work of the Organization (law, international relations, political science or other relevant field);
 - Demonstrated interest in refugee protection;
 - Knowledge of the state system of prevention and response to violence will be an asset;
 - Excellent research and analytical skills;
 - Excellent oral and written Polish and English skills;
 - Ability to communicate in Russian will be an asset.

- How to apply** Interested candidates should send their CV, completed [P11](#) and [P11 supplementary](#) forms (click to access the forms), and cover letter setting out their experience, skills and motivation as well as their availability and possible starting date to rcepost@unhcr.org with the subject line "POL/2019/02".

Closing date for applications: **9th September 2019**

Only shortlisted candidates will be notified. Shortlisted candidates may be required to sit for an interview.

Candidates must comply with all eligibility requirements for employment in Poland.

No late applications will be accepted. UNHCR is an equal opportunity employer and does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing, training or any other fees).