

Job Opening

Posting Title:	INTERN - Economic Affairs, I (Temporary Job Opening)
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Department/Office:	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
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Staffing Exercise	N/A

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The UNESCAP-SSWA Office offers internship opportunity for minimum 2 months with an opportunity for extension to up to 6 months, if required by the division.

Interns work five days per week (35 hours) under the supervision of a staff member in the department or office to which they are assigned.

The internship is UNPAID and full-time.

UNESCAP-SSWA Office

Inaugurated in December 2011, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia Office (UNESCAP-SSWA) serves 10 countries in the subregion, namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Turkey.

The work programme of UNESCAP-SSWA covers analytical and normative work, policy support and advocacy, technical assistance and capacity building activities, along five priority areas, as per the mandate received from UNESCAP member States:

- Inclusive growth, accelerating achievement of the MDGs, structural change and job creation, women's empowerment, social protection, the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development
- Strengthening connectivity, trade and transport facilitation, and regional economic integration
- Regional cooperation for food and energy security
- Regional cooperation for disaster risk reduction
- Assisting LDCs and LLDCs in implementation of the Istanbul and Almaty Programmes of Action.

Learning Opportunities during the course of internship:

UNESCAP's South and South-West Asia Office provides interns with an opportunity to enhance their understanding of: i) socio-economic challenges the subregion is facing in particular within the 10 countries served by UNESCAP-SSWA Office; ii) the processes of regional and multilateral cooperation; iii) mandates and operations of United Nations in developing countries in its efforts to provide policy advice, capacity building and platform for governments to create space for economic and political integration.

Responsibilities

Daily responsibilities will depend on the individual's background and the intern's assigned office as well as the internship period. Duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Assistance in drafting and preparing official documents
- Attending and summarizing conferences and meetings
- Document, legal and internet research
- Assistance during conferences
- Working on web-presentation



- Compiling statistics
- Conduct literature review/desk research to support the drafting of occasional papers/policy briefs on topics such as economic and social development, MDG achievements, and regional economic integration in the subregion and beyond, including transport connectivity, food and energy security, and disaster risk reduction with a special focus on South Asian least developed countries.
- Assist in implementation of projects/activities
- Assist in media analysis outreach communication activities, including preparing public information materials including web-based publications.

Competencies

The United Nations Core Competencies include:

- Communication: Ability to draft clearly and concisely, good written and oral language skills.
- Teamwork: Good interpersonal skills, ability to work collaboratively with colleagues from different national and cultural backgrounds to achieve organizational goals.
- Client Orientation: Considers all those to whom services are provided to be 'clients' and seeks to see things from clients' point of view.

Education

To qualify for an internship with the United Nations Internship Programme, applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

- a)be enrolled in a graduate school programme (second university degree or equivalent, or higher); or
- b)be enrolled in the final academic year of a first university degree programme (minimum Bachelor's level or equivalent); or
- c)have graduated with a university degree (as defined above) and, if selected, must commence the internship within a one year period of graduation.

Work Experience

Languages

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. Fluency in spoken and written English is required for the internship. Knowledge of an additional official UN language is an asset. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the official languages of the United Nations Secretariat.

Assessment

N/A

Special Notice

A completed online application (Cover Note and Personal History Profile) is required. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

The Cover Note must include:

- Degree Programme (What are you currently studying or what have you studied)
- Graduation date (When will you graduate or when did you graduate from the programme?)
- List of the IT skills and programmes that you are proficient in
- List of your top three areas of interest
- Explanation about why you are the most suitable candidate for this specific internship
- Explanation of your interest in the United Nations Internship Programme

In your online Personal History Profile, be sure to include all past work experiences, IT skills, and three references.

Please note that due to the large number of applicants, divisions are not in a position to reply to each application and that only short-listed applicants will be contacted for further consideration.

United Nations Considerations

According to article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, the paramount consideration in the employment of the staff is the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity. Candidates will not be considered for employment with the United Nations if they have committed violations of international human rights law, violations of international humanitarian law, sexual exploitation, sexual abuse, or sexual harassment, or if there are reasonable grounds to believe that they have been involved in the commission of any of these acts. The term "sexual exploitation" means any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, or trust, for sexual purposes, including, but not limited to, profiting monetarily, socially or politically from the sexual exploitation of another. The term "sexual abuse" means the actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions. The term "sexual harassment"

means any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that might reasonably be expected or be perceived to cause offence or humiliation, when such conduct interferes with work, is made a condition of employment or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment, and when the gravity of the conduct warrants the termination of the perpetrator's working relationship. Candidates who have committed crimes other than minor traffic offences may not be considered for employment.

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The evaluation of applicants will be conducted on the basis of the information submitted in the application according to the evaluation criteria of the job opening and the applicable internal legislations of the United Nations including the Charter of the United Nations, resolutions of the General Assembly, the Staff Regulations and Rules, administrative issuances and guidelines. Applicants must provide complete and accurate information pertaining to their personal profile and qualifications according to the instructions provided in inspira to be considered for the current job opening. No amendment, addition, deletion, revision or modification shall be made to applications that have been submitted. Candidates under serious consideration for selection will be subject to reference checks to verify the information provided in the application.

Job openings advertised on the Careers Portal will be removed at 11:59 p.m. (New York time) on the deadline date.

No Fee

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