

Advocacy Internship (February – April 2021)

Franciscans International (FI) is an international non-governmental organization, with general consultative status at the United Nations, working for the promotion, protection, and respect of human rights. Since its establishment in 1989, FI has used advocacy as a tool to combat and curb human rights abuses. FI relies on the expertise and first-hand information of a large network of partners, including Franciscans working with the most marginalized and disadvantaged individuals and groups in societies. From its offices in Geneva and New York, FI works together with grassroots movements and national and international civil society organizations to advocate for structural changes addressing the root causes of injustice. FI promotes human rights at the heart of all policies and processes in the area of development, environment and peace.

Job description:

- Assisting with preparations and monitoring of the UN Human Rights Council, UPR and Treaty Body sessions;
- Assisting in drafting and proof-reading reports and documents to various UN human rights mechanisms;
- Contributing to on-going FI research projects;
- Providing support in the organisation of workshops and trainings;
- Providing administrative and logistical assistance (visas, flights, hotels, etc.)
- Any other assistance to the advocacy team.

Candidate profile and other requirements:

- Fluency in English, both written and oral. Fluency in Spanish and/or French will be considered an asset;
- Proficiency in reporting, analysis, and synthesis;
- University degree in international human rights law, political science, international relations or other related disciplines;
- Some knowledge of the UN human rights mechanisms;
- Good organisation skills and ability to work under pressure;
- Able to adapt to various situations (flexibility and adaptability in a multicultural environment), highly motivated and dynamic;
- Capable of working both autonomously and in a team;
- Valid Swiss permit for the internship's period.



FI offers:

- A real learning experience: the intern will have to carry out required tasks in due time in a professional way as an effective support to FI Advocacy Programme; at the same time FI will commit to provide the intern with appropriate supervision as well as opportunities for practical learning and gaining meaningful experience in human rights advocacy and research work;
- Working as part of a committed and nice team;
- Opportunity to contribute to developing the organisation;
- Monetary compensation (700 CHF per month if full time).

To note:

- *Location:* FI office in Geneva (37-39 rue de Vermont); due to the current COVID situation, we may ask you to work from home.
- *Period:* 1 February to 30 April 2021;
- *Working time:* part-time (50%) or full-time (upon mutual agreement).

How to apply:

- Applications should be sent by email to m.repellin@franciscansinternational.org specifying "Advocacy Internship";
- Applications should contain: a CV and a 1-page (max.) letter of motivation. Please indicate in your application whether you are looking for a part-time or full-time internship and the confirmation whether you have valid Swiss permit covering the internship period;
- Applications should be in English;
- Deadline for submission of applications: 4 January 2021.

We thank all those who will apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews are expected to be conducted right after and the official starting day of the internship will be the 1st of February (or upon mutual agreement).