

Advocacy Internship (Starting February 2023)

Franciscans International is an international non-governmental organization, with general consultative status at the United Nations, working for the promotion and protection of human rights. Since its establishment in 1989, FI has used advocacy as a tool to combat and address 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.

Period:

Franciscans International offers internship positions for the following period:

- Starting February 2023 (3 months full time; 4 months 80% or 6 months 50%)

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 organization 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 and/or Portuguese will be considered an asset;
- Proficiency in reporting, analysis, and synthesis;
- Some knowledge of the UN human rights mechanisms;
- Good organization 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;
- Enrolled in a bachelor's or graduate program at the time of application in one of the following fields: human rights, international relations, international law, or international development;
- 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 Program; 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 organization;
- Monetary compensation (700 CHF per month if full time).

To note:

- Location: FI office in Geneva (37-39 rue de Vermont)
- Working time: 37.5 hours a week for a full time position

How to apply:

- Applications should be sent by email to Mr Mickael Repellin at m.repellin@franciscansinternational.org, specifying “Advocacy Internship-Spring” in the subject line;
- 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 that you have a valid Swiss permit covering the internship period;
- Please note that only applicants who are enrolled in a post-secondary degree program for the duration of the internship will be considered.
- Applications should be in English;
- Deadline for submission of applications: 5 January 2023.

We thank all those who will apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The official starting day of the internship will be 1 February (or a later date upon mutual agreement).