

## Internship Terms of Reference

<b>Internship Title:</b>	<b>Research Intern</b>
<b>Reference Number</b>	n/a
<b>Institute/Office:</b>	<b>United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER/RU/UNU-605)</b>
<b>Duty Station:</b>	Helsinki, Finland
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<b>Duration:</b>	15 August 2024 to 14 February 2025
<b>Background</b>	
<p>For the past four decades, UNU has been a go-to think tank for impartial research on the pressing global problems of human survival, conflict prevention, development, and welfare. With more than 400 researchers in 13 countries, UNU’s work spans the full breadth of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, generating policy-relevant knowledge to effect positive global change. UNU maintains more than 200 collaborations with UN agencies and leading universities and research institutions across the globe.</p> <p>UNU-WIDER is one of 14 research and training Institutes that comprise the think tanks in the UNU system. UNUWIDER is a leading international development economics think tank. The Institute provides economic analysis and policy advice with the aim of promoting sustainable and equitable development for all. The Institute began operations in 1985 in Helsinki, Finland, as the first research centre of the United Nations University. Today, it is a unique blend of think tank, research institute, and UN agency — providing a range of services from policy advice to governments, as well as freely available original research. More information on UNU-WIDER and its current work programme are available on the Institute's website. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.wider.unu.edu/">https://www.wider.unu.edu/</a>.</p> <p>This is an in-person internship located within the Research Unit, with a focus on supporting UNU-WIDER’s work on ‘Domestic Revenue Mobilisation’ and ‘Fiscal space’ programmes.</p>	
<b>Description of Responsibilities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct research work related to the Domestic Revenue Mobilization and Fiscal Space programme in the area of Economics.</li> <li>• Support the seminar team in the preparation of the WIDER seminar and Brown Bag seminar series.</li> <li>• Support the Research Unit in organizing events and meetings.</li> <li>• Support research plans for projects in Zambia by keeping track of the new projects, and particularly the studies about (1) fiscal space for social protection, and (2) environmental taxation</li> <li>• Conduct literature reviews.</li> <li>• Assist in the production of non-academic outputs for the projects. Technical notes, Blogs, etc</li> <li>• Take notes on important meetings</li> </ul>	

- Perform other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

### **Learning objectives**

The intern will be part of the Domestic Revenue Mobilization - Tax project teams and will be learning on the job daily. The intern will be exposed to the functioning of a UN think tank that implements research, develops capacity, and engages in policy dialoguing activities while operating within the UN rules and regulations. The intern will be able to participate in seminars offered by UNU-WIDER, and other relevant events. Other opportunities will be discussed with the intern upon arrival. No travel missions are foreseen from the outset.

### **Competencies**

#### **Values:**

- **Inclusion** - Take action to create an environment of dignity and respect for all, regardless of age, culture, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, geography, grade, language, nationality, racial identity, religion, sex, sex characteristics, sexual orientation, social origin or any other aspect of identity.
- **Integrity** - Act ethically, demonstrating the standards of conduct of the United Nations and taking prompt action in case of witnessing unprofessional or unethical behaviour, or any other breach of UN standards.
- **Humility** - Demonstrate self-awareness and willingness to learn from others.
- **Humanity** - Act according to the purposes of the United Nations: peace, dignity and equality on a healthy planet.

#### **Behaviours:**

- **Connect and Collaborate** - Build positive relationships with others to advance the work of the United Nations and work coherently as One UN
- **Analyse and Plan** - Seek out and use data from a wide range of sources to understand problems, inform decision-making, propose evidence-based solutions and plan action
- **Deliver Results with Positive Impact** - Hold oneself and others accountable for delivering results and making a positive difference to the people and causes that the United Nations serves
- **Learn and Develop** - Pursue own learning and development and contribute to the learning and development of others
- **Adapt and Innovate** - Demonstrate flexibility, agility and the ability to think and act in novel ways
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### **Qualifications**

#### **Education:**

Applicants to the UNU-WIDER internship programme must at the time of application meet one of the following requirements:

- University studies in one of the following disciplines: Economics, Development Studies, or other relevant subjects is required.
- Be enrolled in a graduate degree programme (Masters or PhD) or is within the two years (maximum) post-graduation from a masters'.

#### **Language:**

- Excellent communication skills (written and oral) in English are required;
- Working knowledge of another UN language is an advantage.

**The Intern is expected to have:**

- A keen interest in the work of the United Nations and/or international development
- The ability to work in a multi-cultural environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity;
- Working knowledge and experience in using Stata and MS Office; Knowledge of R is also acceptable.
- Experience in data management and SharePoint is an asset.

**Application Procedure****How to Apply:**

To apply to UNU, you will not need an account. Instead, we ask that you:

Apply via the [application link](#);

- Attach a brief Cover Letter (in English) stating interest in and qualifications for the post;
- Attach a current and complete CV in English;
- Document(s) confirming your education status (e.g. transcript or proof of enrolment)
- Answer a few questions that are tailored to the internship.

You may wish to refer to the [UN Values and Behaviours Framework](#) for more information.

**Application Deadline:** 26 May 2024, 23:59 UCT+3

Candidates invited for an interview must submit prior to the interview the following documents:

- Document(s) confirming your education status (e.g. transcript or proof of enrollment);
- Proof of health and life/accident insurance valid for the location in which the internship will be carried out. Selected intern must have health and life insurance.

UNU accepts no responsibility for costs arising from accidents and/or illness or death incurred during the internship.

**Stipend**

Interns who are not in receipt of financial support from other sources such as universities or other institutions will receive a stipend of EUR1,399.00 per month of full-time internship from UNU to partially subsidize their basic living costs for the duration of the internship.

The stipend will be paid on a monthly basis and part-time internship arrangements are prorated accordingly.

**Duration of contract:** The duration of the internship is 6 months.

**Expected start date:** 15 August 2024

**Additional Information****Assessment**

Evaluation of qualified candidates may include a desk review and/or a competency-based interview, and references.

**Special notice**

Please note that the selected candidate must have a (1) Finnish nationality or the residence and work permit for Finland, OR (2) have right of residence in Finland as an EU/EFTA citizen. In case of equally qualified candidates, the candidates holding Finnish nationality or the residence and work permit for Finland will be given preference.

The purpose of the Internship Programme is to complement an intern's studies. There should be no expectation of employment with UNU at the end of an internship.

Interns do not hold international civil servant status nor are they considered a "staff member" as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations and may not represent UNU in any official capacity.

UNU accepts no responsibility for costs arising from accidents and/or illness or death incurred during the internship. Applicants must have medical insurance for the duration of the internship. Proof of insurance will need to be submitted before the internship begins.

UNU is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages all candidates, irrespective of gender, nationality, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities to apply. Applications from developing countries, and from women are strongly encouraged.

UNU has a zero-tolerance policy on conduct that is incompatible with the aims and objectives of the United Nations and UNU, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination.

**Information about UNU rosters**

UNU reserves the right to select one or more candidates from this internship announcement. We may also retain applications and consider candidates applying to this internship cohort for upcoming internships within the next 2 years.

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