

Internship Terms of Reference

Internship Title:	Project Management Intern
Institute/Office:	United Nations University – UNU-WIDER/PPSU/UNU-605
Duty Station:	Helsinki, Finland
Supervisor Name:	Iina Kuuttila
Duration:	15 January 2024 to 14 July 2024

Background

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. For more information, please visit <http://unu.edu>

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This is an in-person internship, located within the Partnerships and Programme Support Unit, with a focus on supporting UNU-WIDER's work on 'Building sustainable peace in conflict-affected societies'.

Description of Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Project Associate of the 'Building sustainable peace in conflict-affected societies' portfolio, and the overall supervision of UNU-WIDER's Associate Programme Officer, the Project Management Intern will be performing the following duties:

- Support the project team with coordination of project planning and implementation;
- Collect and analyze background materials and assist with compiling, summarizing, and presenting a variety of documents and reports;
- Update internal databases and project management tools;
- Support organization of project events and activities;
- Assist the project team with publication monitoring and processing;
- Support the organization of the WIDER Development Conference 'Securing the future generation' organized in May 2024 in Maputo, Mozambique;
- Perform other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

Learning objectives

The intern will be part of a project team and the overall Partnerships and Programme Unit structure of UNU-WIDER and will be learning on the job daily. Dedicated time will be allocated by the supervisor for understanding the functioning of UNU-WIDER and the UN system in general. The intern will get exposed to the functioning of a UN think tank implementing research, capacity development, and policy engagement activities while operating within the UN rules and regulations.

The intern will be able to participate in training offered by UNU-WIDER, including attending presentations at the WIDER Seminar series or 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

Qualifications**Education:**

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

- Be in their final year of undergraduate study or enrolled in a graduate degree programme in relevant discipline such as Social Sciences, International Studies, Business Administration or other related field.
- Have graduated with a university degree in relevant discipline such as Social Sciences, International Studies, Business Administration or other related field and, if selected, must start the internship within two years of graduation.

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 MS Office;
- Experience in project management is an asset.

Stipend

Interns who are not in receipt of financial support from other sources such as universities or other institutions will receive a stipend of EUR 896.00 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 January 2024

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: 22 October 2023, 23:59 UCT+3

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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