



INTERNSHIP at UNFPA, Sri Lanka

Contract Type: Internship

Closing date: 20 April 2018 – 5:00 pm (Sri Lankan time)

Duty station: Colombo, Sri Lanka

Period: May to July/August 2018

Background

The UNFPA 2018-2021 country programme contributes to advancing sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights for all Sri Lankans, particularly among women and young people, and to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The objective of this internship is to support the Emergency response and preparedness work of the country office in the context of the South-West Monsoon.

Objective of the Programme

The UNFPA Internship Programme offers a small group of outstanding students the opportunity to acquire direct exposure to UNFPA programmes. It is designed to complement development-oriented studies with practical experience in various aspects of UNFPA's work.

Applicants should have expressed interest in the field of development; ability to adapt to new environments and work with individuals from different cultural backgrounds.

This internship position will be under the supervision of National Programme and Policy Analyst – Gender and Women's Rights.

The background of the intern should match with the needs of the organization.

Financial Aspects

Interns do not receive a salary or any other form of remuneration from UNFPA. The costs associated with an intern's participation in the programme must be assumed either by the nominating university, which may provide the required financial assistance to its students, or by the students themselves, who will have to meet living expenses as well as make their own arrangements for accommodation, travel and other requirements. In addition, applicants must have medical insurance for the duration of the internship. Proof of insurance will need to be submitted before the internship begins.

Qualifying for an Internship

Candidates for the internship programme are selected on a competitive basis. The profiles of the interns are matched with the needs of the organization. The following qualifications are required for consideration:

- Active enrollment in or completion of a degree university programme in the Social Sciences, Humanities or Development field.
- Interest in the field of development sector.
- Results oriented and conscientious.
- Ability to adapt to new environments and to establish and maintain good working relations with individual of different cultural backgrounds.
- Have strong communication skills: excellent listening skills and empathy, ability to write clearly and concisely
- Excellent collaborative and team working capability
- Respect for diversity and adaptability to other cultures, environments and living conditions;
- Students must have written and spoken proficiency in English; fluency in Sinhala or Tamil is an asset.

UNFPA work environment

UNFPA provides a work environment that reflects the values of gender equality, teamwork, respect for diversity in all forms, integrity and a healthy balance of work and life. We are committed to maintaining our balanced gender distribution and therefore encourage women to apply. UNFPA promotes equal opportunities for all including persons with disabilities.

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No hard copy applications will be accepted. Only short-listed applications will be acknowledged.

Deadline for application: 20 April 2018