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Information Guide

Internships and Internship Module (EM 7437) NGOs Theory and Practice (Internship Module)

**MPhil International Peace Studies
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About the Internship Programme

The internship service was introduced to the MPhil in International Peace Studies in 2011 and has proved a huge success.

Internships may be taken for credits (10ECTS) as an assessed module as a formal part of the MPhil programme, or on a non-assessed basis. Most internships are in areas of disarmament, development, human rights, gender, refugees/migration/trafficking, peace-building.

Allocation of Placements

Usually, there are 10-14 places per year, with most NGOs/UN offering two slots. However, places cannot be guaranteed, for example if funding for an NGO or IO is cut, they may not have any suitable projects for interns.

Application Procedure

Internships are allocated on a first come first served basis. **Students will receive an email with instructions and an application form in late August/early September** and are asked to email it to srpostgrad@tcd.ie on a designated day, specifying where they want to work-Dublin, Geneva, or Brussels. The first 10 emails received will be considered for internships. If additional internships become available, the next applications will be considered on a first come first serve basis.

Period of internships (most internships are part-time)

Assessed Internships: **April to June**, or **June to September** for assessed internships (taken as a module for credit) when classes have ended. The dissertation is due in mid-late August and students who take an internship over the summer must be prepared to work on their dissertation also and submit in time.

Non-assessed Internships: **September to December** for non-assessed internships

Assessment Procedures

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The internship module is assessed by attending one two-hour seminar, usually in late March, or early April and by undertaking the internship satisfactorily, by submitting a report by an agreed deadline. The report is a log/diary of the internship work and an evaluation of how the internship related to academic modules in the IPS programme, as well as personal reflections about the internship. The internship module is assessed on a Pass/Fail basis.

List of NGOS and IOs 2023

NB: this list may change each year

Frontline Defenders, Dublin

<http://www.frontlinedefenders.org/>

Front Line was founded in Dublin in 2001 with the specific aim of protecting human rights defenders at risk, people who work, non-violently, for any or all of the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Front Line aims to address the protection needs identified by defenders themselves. **NB: 2nd language required.**

Global Action Plan, Dublin

<http://globalactionplan.ie/>

Global Action Plan (GAP) Ireland is a different kind of environmental organisation leading a sustainability action plan with the aim of creating sustainable communities across Ireland. GAP focus on people and how they can take practical action in their everyday lives for a more sustainable world. Global Action Plan is part of GAP International – a global network of organisations in over 27 countries, that facilitate behaviour change to promote environmental sustainability. By focusing on environmental behaviour change, GAP programmes empower individuals to change their long-term consumption habits with sustainable living tools and programmes.

UNICEF Ireland, Dublin

<https://www.unicef.ie/>

UNICEF is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

The Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME), Brussels

<http://www.politis-europe.uni-oldenburg.de/9826.html>

The Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) is an ecumenical agency on migration and integration, refugees and asylum and anti-racism and anti-discrimination of Protestant and Orthodox churches and church-related agencies. CCME also cooperates formally with the Conference of European Churches (CEC) and the World Council of Churches which have member churches in all European countries. Interns have found this excellent placement, allowing them to attend many EU conferences and meet insightful staff at all levels.

Korean Sharing Movement (KSM), Seoul

<http://ksm.or.kr/?charity-project=aboutksm>

KSM was founded on June 21st, 1996 when severe food shortages in the DPRK became known to the global community and the North Korean government appealed to the outside world for assistance. KSM began as a national movement which was founded with participation from six major religious orders, including Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Buddhist organizations, along with several major civic groups in South Korea.

From its early role of providing disaster relief aid, KSM expanded its mission to structurally improving the DPRK's humanitarian situation by focusing on development projects in the fields of agriculture and public health, etc. In addition to providing humanitarian assistance, we also promote inter-Korean exchanges and cooperative projects to enhance mutual understanding between the two Koreas.

Through those activities, KSM strives to rise above animosity and conflict, and establish peace and reconciliation in the Korean Peninsula.

United Nations Office, Geneva, Press and External Relations, Information Office

http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news_media.nsf

NB: Non-Assessed and September Only Internship (not permitted as assessed module) and it cannot be arranged until later in the year (the September meeting on internships will explain further)

NB: French language required

The Information Service is the voice of the United Nations Office at Geneva. As such, it informs Switzerland and the world about Geneva's unique role in international relations and disseminates information on the Geneva-based activities of the United Nations relating to human rights, humanitarian affairs, peace and

security/disarmament, as well as environmental protection and economic and social development.

The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD), South Africa works throughout Africa in peacebuilding and related fields.

<https://www.accord.org.za/all-news/>

Please note the following important points

- Internships are un-paid
- Obtaining an internship is not guaranteed
- Students have to pay for all expenses – e.g. flight, accommodation, insurance and vaccination costs themselves.
- Students must arrange their own visas and we do not advise on visa requirements.
- Students may not be covered by Trinity, so must ensure that they are insured.
- Students will be required to submit their dissertation by the August deadline
- Students are responsible for managing their workload: internships will not be grounds for extensions.
- Students must undertake to behave responsibly.

Testimonials

Emma O'Callaghan 2020/21

I was afforded the incredible internship opportunity with UNICEF Dublin where I put the theoretical knowledge I had learned throughout the first semester of this programme into practice and gained hands-on experience in the NGO sector. This M.Phil. led me toward employment in the policy sector with Leargas, where I currently work as the Irish National Correspondent for the European Commission platform “Youth Wiki.” This platform is Europe’s online encyclopedia of national youth policies. I gained this role because of this masters and in particular due to my experience with UNICEF Dublin. This course really stands out to perspective employers because of the small class numbers, wide variety of modules and the internship opportunity. I am so glad I completed this masters and would highly recommend it to anyone considering applying.

Nathalie De Hertog

Through the International Peace Studies course I had the opportunity to opt for the internship module, whereby I applied for an internship at the United Nations (UN Information Service). The Information Service is part of the UN Secretariat and acts as the voice of the entire UN Office at Geneva. Through the International Peace Studies course I had already developed a great extent of background knowledge regarding sustainable peace, the Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030, which I could apply to the internship and facilitated my learning time at the UN. Additionally, another aspect of the internship which I find interesting is the daily contact we have through our department with people from different UN agencies. It is our responsibility to set-up information programmes, whereby the main goal is to inform universities on the general activities of the UN Offices in Geneva. Hence, we get the opportunity to contact different speakers from diverging UN agencies or programmes based in Geneva. Another responsibility is the contribution to and coordination of several communication activities for different events our department organises, such as the Ciné-ONU.

Heidi Riley

'I thoroughly enjoyed my internship at Front Line Defenders arranged by International Peace Studies, during my MPhil. Front Line is a fantastic organization that does vital work for the security and protection of Human Rights Defenders. Apart from this it is a very welcoming office with brilliant staff I have particularly enjoyed it because I was not treated just as an intern but as a member of staff. All the projects I have worked on while being there have been very interesting and I was never expected to carry out menial tasks often associated with internships'.



Paul Musiol,

'With the help of the ISE, I undertook an internship in a non-governmental organisation working in multilateral disarmament in Geneva while I was writing my dissertation. This was an almost immeasurably worthwhile experience, and one which I wouldn't have had a chance to do were it not for this course. That internship led me on to more NGO work in Geneva and eventually to my...role, in the Middle East Unit of the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. In all my professional roles so far, the grounding I gained from this course has been a huge help, and I'd strongly recommend it for anyone who wants to better understand and engage with some of the most critical issues in the world today'