

Protection Internship At the UN Refugee Agency, Brussels Office

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees offers assistance and protection to refugees around the world. UNHCR is one of the largest refugee agencies, with a staff of 16,800 employees who help some 70 million people in over 134 countries.

The Protection Unit for Belgium and Luxembourg seeks an intern for a four-month internship, starting in January 2020.

Applicants should have a university degree in International Relations, Political Sciences, History or Sociology, with an excellent command of written and spoken English and a very good knowledge of French. Knowledge of Arabic or Spanish an asset. Evidence of a strong interest in refugee matters or human rights is appreciated. Applicants should have graduated from university no longer than one year before the start of the internship, and should have no direct family ties with a UNHCR staff member (including Temporary Appointment holder) nor with a member of the Affiliate Workforce.

What we offer

- Experience with a UN agency
- Work in a dynamic, international environment
- Learning about refugee issues with one of the largest humanitarian organisations in the world
- Participation in the launch of the Refugee Committee Project in support of refugees local integration in Belgium

General description of internship

- Assist in the preparation of community briefings sessions and of meetings with academia and other project stakeholders.
- Participate in the community briefings
- Participate in outreach and liaison activities with refugees, refugees' associations, municipal administrations, NGO's and services providers
- Draft sitrep, reports, minute of meetings, correspondences, briefing notes, talking points and other documents for internal and external use
- Assist in the identification of suppliers and in the organisation of UNHCR events and liaise with the administrative unit
- Translation duties as required during interactions with refugees

How to apply

Please e-mail your CV and cover letter no later than 9 January 2020 to belbrhr@unhcr.org with the subject 'Community-based Protection intern'.

Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.