



Legal Internship At the UN Refugee Agency

Representation for EU Affairs (REUA)

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (the UN Refugee Agency, also known as UNHCR) is an intergovernmental organization with a mandate to protect refugees and stateless persons worldwide. Promoting respect for international protection norms in European Union (EU) law and policy is of vital importance to UNHCR, and the agency, accordingly, provides its views on a wide range of issues related to access to Europe, asylum, refugee protection, statelessness, resettlement and integration in the Member States of the EU. UNHCR's reports, proposals and observations on EU asylum law and policy can be found on this page: www.unhcr.org/eu.

The Representation for EU Affairs (RREUA) collaborates with EU institutions in Brussels on these issues, and works closely with the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) in Malta and Frontex, the EU's external border agency, based in Warsaw. The REUA in Brussels also supports UNHCR's activities and regional offices in litigation before national and regional courts on legal questions of concern to UNHCR. Support on thematic issues such as trafficking, SGBV, child protection and statelessness in Europe is also provided from Brussels.

Selection Criteria

In order to be considered eligible for an internship, the following criteria must be fulfilled:

- a. Be a recent graduate or current student in a graduate/undergraduate school programme in Law from a university or higher education facility accredited by UNESCO; and
- b. Have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies in a field relevant to or of interest to the work of the UNHCR.

Work Responsibilities

- Provide research assistance on international and EU law.
- Monitor and systematically report on case law rulings of relevance, particularly of the supranational courts.
- Update and prepare the twice-monthly Judicial Engagement update.
- Organise the internal meetings of the Judicial Engagement Working Group (JE WG) and prepare and disseminate the minutes.
- Update and maintain the 'JE WG Court Interventions Overview Master Table'.
- Assist in the drafting of Considerations Notes, Memos and Submissions related to Court Interventions and legal commentaries and documents that are prepared by the Legal Team.
- Maintain the repository of PLUS third party interventions and commentaries on the common drive and organise, manage and update the SharePoint web-page.
- Actively monitor traffic under the discussion and litigation forums on the ECRE/ELENA Forum and flag interesting topics/issues/questions to the Legal Team and the Litigation Consultant.
- Monitor seminars, conferences and events relating to strategic litigation and EU asylum law, and flag to the Legal Team.
- Take and disseminate the minutes of the weekly PLUS meeting in tandem with the Policy intern.
- Assist with the logistical arrangements for meetings, events, workshops and trainings as may be required.
- Attend meetings, workshops and follow webinars and report back on key points.
- Provide administrative assistance and clerical support as may be required

Work Dates & Conditions

Full-time, March to August 2020. Dates to be agreed.

The intern will receive a Food and Local Transportation Allowance (FLTA), up to USD 1,000 per month, payable in local currency. The Food and Local Transportation Allowance is provided to non-sponsored interns only. In cases where a sponsored intern receives funding (less than the amount of allowance described above) from the sponsoring institution or another sponsor, UNHCR will pay the difference between this amount and the above allowance, if any.

How to apply

Please e-mail your CV, cover letter by **26 January 2020** to belbrhr@unhcr.org with the subject '**PLUS Legal team intern**'. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. For more information, please check UNHCR's websites (www.unhcr.org, www.unhcr.org/eu).