



INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Purpose of the Internship Programme

The South Centre regularly offers the opportunity for young professionals, especially from developing countries, to undertake an internship in Intellectual Property at its headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland).

The Internship Programme in Intellectual Property is designed to:

- Give young professionals the opportunity to assist Intellectual Property experts in undertaking research and analysis on intellectual property policy areas that are relevant to the protection and promotion of the development interests of developing countries.
- Allow them to gain experience and to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the implications of the regulatory regimes such as intellectual property on innovation and access to knowledge.
- Help them develop their critical and analytical capacity.
- Allow them to gain exposure of the various perspectives that exist on development issues in any work areas of the South Centre.
- Provide the South Centre Intellectual Property experts with the assistance of highly specialized and qualified students.

Eligibility criteria and expected skills

Applicants must:

1. Be fluent in English (both spoken and written). Knowledge of French or Spanish would be an asset.
2. Have completed or be completing a post-graduate degree in law, economics, sciences, international relations or related fields.
3. Have basic knowledge of intellectual property, innovation and access to knowledge issues either through study or work related experience.
4. Have a demonstrated interest in development issues.
5. Have proficient computer skills.
6. Be able to work independently and as part of a team.
7. Be able to work in a multicultural environment.

Applicants for an internship should ideally be nationals of a developing country (defined as members of the Group of 77 and China). Alternatively, applicants should be able to demonstrate a capacity to identify and understand the interest and concerns proper to developing countries in any specific issues.

Duration, time commitment, location and remuneration

Internships are of a **minimum duration of six months** and are **full-time** (40 hours a week).

Internships **take place in the South Centre's headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland)**.

The intern will receive a stipend of 2000 Swiss Francs per month. There shall be no other additional remuneration, subsidy, compensation or entitlement from the South Centre to the intern. Except otherwise indicated to the intern in writing, travel expenses, including visa fees, to and from Geneva, will be the responsibility of the intern. In addition, interns shall also be responsible for their own insurance for illness and accidents.

Responsibilities

Specific intern responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Provide assistance in research and data collection.
- Draft, at least, one substantive research paper on innovation, access to knowledge and IP from a development perspective, and other papers under the supervision of the Intellectual Property and Access to knowledge experts.
- Identify the specific interest and concerns of developing countries in any of the topics being analysed.
- Provide assistance in the organization of events.
- Attend meetings at the South Centre, the WTO, the WIPO, the WHO, the FAO and other institutions.
- Perform administrative tasks such as updating calendar of meetings, drafting letters, filing, etc.

Selection Process

Internships **typically start in January and July**. However, applications may be submitted on an on-going basis with an indication of the fields of interest and periods of availability.

Qualified candidates may submit a **complete curriculum vitae in English and the Internship Application Form, duly filled in English, via e-mail** to south(at)southcentre.int. The subject line must be "Application for Intellectual Property Internship".

Short-listed candidates will be informed of the status of their application with explanation as to the process of the selection. Completing a written exercise on current innovation, intellectual property and related issues may be required. The final stage of the selection process involves an interview. If the applicant is not in Geneva or cannot come to Geneva, a telephone interview may be arranged.

A decision on the successful candidate will, as far as possible, be made at least two months before the start of the internship.

For more information on the South Centre, please visit the South Centre website at www.southcentre.int