

Internship Opportunities

In the area of international investment law and policy and/or corporate accountability

Under the umbrella of the Global Governance for Development Programme

I. About the South Centre

The South Centre is the intergovernmental organization of developing countries that helps developing countries to combine their efforts and expertise to promote their common interests in the international arena.

The South Centre was made by the South for the South in 1995.

Its predecessor, the South Commission, recognized the need to strengthen South-South cooperation in international affairs. In its report *The Challenge to the South*, the South Commission emphasized the need for countries of the South to work together at the global level.

The South Centre undertakes research and analysis oriented on various international policy areas that are relevant to the protection and promotion of the development interests of developing countries. The Centre helps the countries of the South to develop common points of view and to work together on major international development-related policy issues.

For more information, check: <https://www.southcentre.int/about-the-south-centre/>

II. Purpose of the Internship Programme

The South Centre is pleased to offer the opportunity for graduate students and young professionals, especially from developing countries, to undertake an internship at its headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland).

The Internship Programme in **the area of investment law and policy and/or corporate accountability** (under the umbrella of the Global Governance for Development Programme) is designed to:

- Give graduate students and young professionals the opportunity to assist in undertaking research and analysis on key issues covered by the Centre in its work on investment law and policy and the role of corporations, including:
 - international investment treaties (including investor-state dispute settlement);
 - national investment laws;
 - foreign direct investment and development;
 - experiences of selected developing countries in this area;
 - the role and accountability of corporations, including the liability of corporations under human rights law.

- Support graduate students and young professionals with deepening their knowledge and understanding, as well as critical and analytical capacity, in the key issues mentioned above.

- Provide graduate students and young professionals with an opportunity to engage in policy discussions and exchange with researchers and experts of the South Centre and experts from the diplomatic missions of South Centre Member States.
- Provide the South Centre researchers and experts with the assistance of highly specialized and qualified graduate students and young professionals.

III. Eligibility criteria and expected skills

Applicants must:

1. Have completed or be in the process of completing a graduate degree with a focus on international law (focus on investment law or corporate law is a plus), corporate studies, international human rights law, economics, or related fields.
2. Be fluent in English (both spoken and written). Knowledge of French or Spanish would be an asset.
3. Have a demonstrated interest in development issues.
4. Have proficient research and computer skills.
5. Be able to work independently and as part of a team.
6. Be able to work in a multicultural environment.
7. Residing in Geneva, Switzerland or neighboring cities.

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.

IV. Responsibilities

Specific intern responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Providing assistance in research and data collection;
- Drafting memos and briefing notes on specific topics in cooperation and under the supervision of the South Centre staff working on the covered topics;
- Providing assistance in the organization of events, as needed;
- Assisting in attending meetings and taking notes at the South Centre, the UNOG, the UNCTAD, and other relevant institutions;
- Performing administrative tasks as needed.

V. Duration, time commitment, location and remuneration

Internships are of a minimum duration of three months and are full-time (40 hours a week). Exceptions may be considered if students are engaged in finishing course work or examination during the period of the internship. Start and end dates are flexible.

The internship period may be extended upon mutual agreement.

Internships take place at the South Centre's headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland). Address: 17-19 Chemin du Champ d'Anier, 1209 Petit Saconnex, Geneva

Internships are not remunerated. 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.

VI. Selection Process

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: Mohamadieh@southcentre.int and Uribe@southcentre.int. The subject line must be “Application for Internship; Investment and Corporations”.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for a follow-up interview (possibly through skype or telephone).

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