



INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME – South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTrC)

Purpose of the Internship Programme

The South Centre regularly offers the opportunity for young professionals, especially from developing countries, to undertake an internship on South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTrC) at its headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland).

The Internship Programme on South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTrC) is designed to:

- Give young professionals the opportunity to assist SSTrC experts in undertaking research and analysis on SSTrC policy areas that are relevant to the promotion of SSTrC for the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Give them the opportunity to contribute to the capacity building of developing country SSTrC practitioners and policy-makers in formulating strategies and policies.
- Allow them to gain experience and to deepen their knowledge and understanding of how best to reach the full potential of SSTrC to promote economic development and implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Help them develop their critical and analytical capacity.
- Allow them to gain exposure to the various perspectives that exist on development issues in any work areas of the South Centre.
- Provide the South Centre SSTrC 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 an advanced degree from a university or from an institution of equivalent status. Due to the multidisciplinary nature of the research carried out, students from different educational backgrounds are eligible (Economics, International Political Economy, International Relations, International Trade and Development, International Law).
3. Have a demonstrated interest in development issues.

4. Have proficient computer skills.
5. Be able to work independently and as part of a team.
6. 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 interests and concerns proper to developing countries in any specific issue.

Duration, time commitment, location and remuneration

Depending on the interests and availability of interns, internships may extend from three to six months and are full time (40 hours a week). The internship period may be extended upon mutual agreement. Internships take place in the South Centre's headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland). SSTRC 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.

Responsibilities

Specific intern responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Provide assistance in research and data collection.
- Draft papers and briefing notes under supervision of the SSTRC 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 UNOG, the UNCTAD, and other institutions.
- Perform administrative tasks such as updating calendar of meetings, drafting letters, filing, etc.

As far as possible, specific tasks are also linked to each intern's own research interests or academic requirements.

Selection Process

Start and end dates are flexible. 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 SSTRC Internship". Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview. If the applicant is not in Geneva or cannot come to Geneva, a telephone interview may be arranged.