

SOUTH CENTRE

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME - STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT TO HEALTH

Purpose of the Internship Programme

The South Centre is seeking to fill internship positions to support its activities in the area of strengthening the right to health from a perspective of countries of the Global South. The Internship Programme is designed to:

- Give young professionals the opportunity to assist experts in strengthening global health advocacy and policy influence to enhance the right to health, particularly Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), and advance global health equity.
- Enable interns to contribute to ensuring global health equity policies reflect the unique needs and priorities of the Global South and protect the rights of marginalised communities.
- Facilitate the active engagement of Global South policymakers and negotiators in critical health discussions and decision-making processes through intern support.
- Allow interns to support research and capacity-building initiatives, including the development of joint programs, policy briefs, and dissemination of best practices, to promote a rights-based approach to health and global health equity.
- Help them develop their critical and analytical capacity through research, writing, and organisational tasks.
- Allow them to gain experience and deepen their knowledge of international health policies in the Global South.
- Provide the South Centre's experts with the assistance of qualified individuals in achieving project goals related to the right to health.

Eligibility criteria and expected skills

Applicants must:

1. Be fluent in English (both spoken and written). Knowledge of French and Spanish would be an asset.
2. Be currently enrolled in or graduated from a Master or other post-graduate program covering international human rights Law.
3. Have a strong interest in global health, the right to health, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and international health equity.
4. Have excellent research, analytical, and writing skills.
5. Demonstrate strong organisational and communication skills.
6. Be able to work effectively in a multicultural environment.
7. Have proficient computer skills.
8. Be able to work independently and as part of a team.

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 demonstrate a capacity to identify and understand the interests and concerns proper to developing countries in specific issues related to global health.

Duration, time commitment, location and remuneration

Internships are of a **minimum duration of three months** and are **full-time** (40 hours a week). The internship period may be extended upon mutual agreement. Interns applying for summer internships will be required to spend at least 10 weeks on a full-time basis.

Internships **take place at the South Centre's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.**

Virtual internships are also possible.

These internships are **not remunerated**, unless otherwise specified. Except stated otherwise 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 insurance for illness and accidents.

Responsibilities

Specific intern responsibilities include, but are not limited to, supporting the Strengthening the Right to Health project. Potential areas of contribution may involve a variety of tasks related to the project's main activities, which include:

- Assisting in the organisation of high-level side events at international forums, such as the HRC and the WHO.
- Supporting the production of research outputs, policy briefs, and strategic reports on global health equity and SRHR from a Global South perspective.
- Contributing to the organisation of capacity-building workshops for diplomats and Global South policymakers.
- Assisting in the development of training materials and negotiation toolkits.
- Supporting joint advocacy campaigns for global health equity.
- Providing support for policy dialogues within the HRC and WHO to ensure global health equity and SRHR are prioritized.

Selection Process

The deadline for applications is 2 June 2025.

Qualified candidates should send their curriculum vitae (CV), a cover letter outlining their motivation and relevant experience, and a written sample (e.g., a short research paper or policy brief) in English via e-mail to applications@southcentre.int. The subject line must be "INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME - STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT TO HEALTH".

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview. If the applicant is not in Geneva or cannot come to Geneva, an online interview may be arranged.

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