WIPO Internship Program

A unique opportunity to gain invaluable experience at the forefront of innovation and creativity



What is WIPO?

WIPO is the global forum for intellectual property services, policy, information and cooperation. We are a self-funding agency of the United Nations, with 191 member states.

Our mission is to lead the development of a balanced and effective international intellectual property (IP) system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all.

Why intern with us?

WIPO offers a top-quality internship program that gives you the experience to develop your career. As a WIPO intern, you will gain insight into the workings of an international organization, build your skills and acquire a valuable, professional network. You will also have access to cutting-edge training programs.

A WIPO internship not only provides an enriching professional experience, but also offers the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful, international city of Geneva and surrounding Europe.



"After one year as an intern, I was offered a contract in the Project Management Office. I am pleased to have my hard work recognized and to now apply my knowledge and skills at a new level." / Alina, Department of Program Planning and Finance



"During my internship, I had the chance to contribute to drafting trademark regulations for a country. It has been an invaluable opportunity to network with the most knowledgeable people in the field." / Jérôme, Trademark Law Section



"The WIPO internship has exposed me to the workings of international financial markets. I have gained knowledge on risk management strategies and the complexities of handling large international transactions within WIPO's different portfolios." / Karen, Treasury Section

You can enjoy a wealth of benefits at WIPO

Internships are available in a broad range of programmatic and operational support areas across the Organization.

We are looking for students and graduates with a background in law, particularly in intellectual property. We equally consider applicants from other fields relevant to WIPO such as science and technology, finance, human resources, economics, communications, information technology, translation and international relations.

Am I eligible?

To be eligible to apply for a WIPO internship, you must be enrolled in a first-level* or advanced university degree or have completed a degree within the past two years. You must also have a very good knowledge of English and/or French.

We welcome applicants of diverse geographical backgrounds and of all genders.

*Students enrolled in a first-level university degree must be in their 3rd or 4th year or in a program that requires the completion of an internship as part of the degree requirements.

Stipend and Categories

WIPO interns receive a monthly stipend to help cover living expenses. The stipend is determined by category of internship (the amounts below are for internships in WIPO's Headquarters in Geneva).

Category I:

- Students or holders of a first-level university degree and students pursuing an advanced university degree
- Monthly stipend of 500 Swiss francs
- Three to six months in duration

Category II:

- Individuals holding an advanced university degree or graduate students having completed their coursework, but not the thesis
- Monthly stipend of 2,000 Swiss francs
- Three to twelve months in duration

New! Three internship slots open exclusively to nationals of WIPO unrepresented member states

Fast-track your career by interning at WIPO

- Benefit from international experience in a multicultural United Nations environment
- Work on innovative and creative projects in a supportive environment
- Receive a monthly stipend of up to 2000 Swiss francs and coverage of health insurance
- Build your network and engage with a variety of stakeholders
- Enhance your skills with first-class training and development programs

For more details and to apply, visit www.wipo.int/jobs/en/internships/

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