



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change

Internship Assignment

Adaptation Division

Response subdivision

Climate Resilient Food Systems (CRFS) Alliance

Application deadline	Announcement number	Duration of assignment
24 September 2023	23/Intern49/Adaptation-CRFS-Alliance	Three to six months

Background

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the focus of the political process to address climate change. The UNFCCC secretariat supports the Convention, its Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement through a range of activities, including substantive and organizational support to meetings of the Parties and the implementation of commitments. It is a dynamic organization working in a politically challenging environment to help resolve one of the defining environmental issues of our time.

The Adaptation Division of the UNFCCC secretariat supports the intergovernmental process relating to adaptation. This process includes activities relating to national adaptation plans (NAPs), the Nairobi Work Programme, the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM) and its Executive Committee, the Adaptation Committee, the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, adaptation communications and the adaptation registry. It also facilitates the Resilience Frontiers initiative and coordinates the Climate Resilient Food Systems (CRFS) Alliance that was borne out of the United Nations Food Systems Summit in 2021.

The Response Subdivision, under the Adaptation Division of the secretariat, is recruiting interns to support the work of the Climate Resilient Food Systems (CRFS) Alliance.

Objective of the remote and/or in-person internship and responsibilities

This internship is offered in a remote and in-person manner.

The intern will work in the Food systems workstream of the Response subdivision under the supervision of the Programme Officer. The workstream support cross-cutting work on food-systems resilience. It supports the work of the Climate Resilient Food Systems (CRFS) Alliance that was borne out of the United Nations Food Systems Summit in 2021 and contributes to the Resilience Frontiers pathway on regenerative food production.

The intern will:

- Support the daily work of the CRFS Alliance;
- Undertake research tasks on the latest approaches to climate resilient food systems;
- Undertake compilation, evaluation and analysis of information on food systems resilience;
- Draft of written inputs;
- Perform any other tasks as required.

Timeframe

The internship is for a minimum period of three and a maximum of six months within the period of 15 October 2023 to 15 October 2024. The exact period will be determined based on the availability of the intern and the needs of the division.



The selected interns can either work **remotely** with their own computer/internet access, or **in-person in Bonn**, on a full-time or a part-time basis (20 or 40 hours per week).

Minimum requirements

- Candidates **must be enrolled** in the final academic year of a first university degree (minimum Bachelor's degree or equivalent) **or** a graduate school programme (second university degree or equivalent, or higher) at a recognized university at the time of application and during the entire period of the internship;
- Studies in a topic related to **climate change (such as natural, political or social science, sustainable development, international relations, or a related discipline)** are an asset;
- Preference is given to candidates studying in the fields of **economics, development studies, environmental sciences, international relations**, or other related fields with good understanding of climate change and its negotiating process;
- Demonstrated oral and written communication skills are required;
- Candidates must be fluent in English (both oral and written) and have strong writing and note-taking skills;
- Working knowledge of other UN languages is an asset;
- The ability to work in a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary environment is a requirement.

Computer requirements

For a remote internship, candidates will require a **laptop or desktop PC** (with Windows 10 or newer) or **Mac** (with the latest MacOS update), as well as a **reliable, high-speed internet** connection. An Office 365 license will be provided by the UNFCCC to enable the candidate to access official emails, SharePoint, OneDrive and other office applications, such as Word and Excel.

Further computer requirements:

- An antivirus application which receives regular updates;
- Browsers must be a newer version with regular updates enabled;
- Regular Windows 10 updates should be enabled with Windows laptop or PC.

In addition, a **mobile phone** will be required to enable Multifactor Authentication (MFA) through SMS or the Authenticator App.

Internship conditions

UNFCCC secretariat internships are not remunerated, and the selected intern will be responsible for all costs before, during and after the internship assignment. Interns of the UNFCCC secretariat are not considered to be staff members. The selected intern will work remotely or on-site on a full- or part-time basis (40 or 20 hours per week). For more detailed information about the UNFCCC Internship programme, please visit the internship section on our recruitment [webpage](#).

Application procedure

Candidates who are interested in this assignment and meet the minimum requirements must use the [on-line application system](#) and **include a cover letter**. Due to the high number of applications, only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted for a telephone or video interview.