



Internship Assignment

Mitigation Division
Regulatory Framework Implementation Subdivision

Application deadline	Announcement number	Expected start date	Duration of Assignment
10 March 2024	24/Intern14/Mitigation/RFI	1 April 2024	Six months

Background

The UNFCCC secretariat (UN Climate Change) is the United Nations entity tasked with supporting the global response to the threat of climate change. UNFCCC stands for United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Convention has near universal membership (197 Parties) and is the parent treaty of the 2015 Paris Agreement. The main aim of the Paris Agreement is to keep the global average temperature rise this century as close as possible to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

Focusing in its early years largely on facilitating the intergovernmental climate change negotiations, the secretariat today supports a complex architecture of bodies that serve to advance the implementation of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

This position is located in the Regulatory Framework Implementation subdivision (RFI), which supports matters relating to the development of regulatory guidelines, standards and policies relevant to greenhouse gas estimations, mitigation actions and the technical assessments of projects and programme of activities submissions and entity competence. RFI provides substantive and technical input and advice to the constituted and regulatory bodies and provides support to the negotiation process to the Intergovernmental and Stakeholder Interaction subdivision.

Objectives of the internship assignment

Under the direct supervision of the Programme Officer, Methodologies unit and the general guidance of the Team Lead, Methodologies unit, the intern will perform a range of activities related to the implementation of the work programme of the Mitigation division on methodological issues relating to development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies and GHG removal activities, including but not limited to:

- Conducting desk research around specific methodological aspects related to emission reductions and removal activities issues.
- Supporting analysis of data and information in areas related to policy crediting, baseline approaches and tools, additionality of activities for emission reduction, tools for risk of reversal assessment, best practices for removal activity categories.
- Assisting in preparation of various type of written outputs pertaining to aforementioned topics.
- Support subject-matter specialists and article 6.4 mechanism experts on methodological work and GHG removal methodological standards.
- Assisting in organization of events related to the topics of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies and GHG removal activities.
- Assisting in other activities as requested.



Timeframe

The internship is for a period of six months, with the expected starting date between March and May 2024. The exact period will be determined based on the availability of the intern and the needs of the division. The duration of the internship is six months, subject to the intern's continued university enrolment and performance.

Minimum requirements

- Candidates **must be enrolled** in the last year of an undergraduate OR in a Graduate or Master's or PhD programme at a recognized university in fields such as **Engineering, Environmental sciences, Economics**, or related disciplines at the time of application and for the duration of the internship. Courses that cover climate change, greenhouse gases estimation issues and sustainable development are preferred, other fields of study will be considered, provided that candidates have prior substantial experience.
- Candidates must be fluent in English (both oral and written). Knowledge of additional UN languages is an asset.
- Demonstrated excellent written and communication skills.
- Candidates must be able to work in a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary environment.

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 can either work **remotely** with their own computer/internet access, or **in-person** (preferable option) at the UNFCCC premises in Bonn, Germany on a full-time basis (40 hours per week). For more detailed information about UNFCCC Internship programme please visit the internships section on our recruitment [webpage](#).



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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 interview.