

**The Corruption and Economic Crime Branch
of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, based in Vienna, Austria,
is looking for interns for up to 6 months.**

When corruption permeates the political, economic and social spheres of communities and countries, the stability and security of individual States and of the international community are threatened and there can be few prospects for development and prosperity. Specifically, corruption hinders efforts to achieve the internationally agreed upon Millennium Development Goals, undermines democracy and the rule of law, leads to human rights violations, distorts markets, erodes quality of life and allows organized crime, terrorism and other threats to human security to flourish. Evidence also shows that corruption hurts the poor disproportionately and is a dominant factor driving fragile countries towards state failure.

Within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the overall responsibility and functions relating to the prevention and fight against corruption, economic fraud and identity-related crime are vested with the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch (CEB), which also performs the functions of Secretariat to the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and its subsidiary bodies.

More specifically, the Branch performs the technical and substantive secretariat functions for the Implementation Review Mechanism of UNCAC, and is in particular responsible for organizing and supporting the individual country reviews, as well as for preparing thematic and regional implementation review reports.

The Branch also ensures the substantive and technical servicing of the Working Group on Asset Recovery and the newly established Expert Meetings on International Cooperation. In this context, it implements activities related to asset recovery and international cooperation, including under the joint World Bank/UNODC Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative.

Furthermore, the Branch leads UNODC's work regarding all required functions to improve countries' capacity to ratify and implement UNCAC through targeted advisory services (relying on its network of anti-corruption mentors/advisers in the field), the development of tools, the identification and promotion of good practices, and awareness raising in society at large.

The Branch is also responsible for providing technical and substantive services to the Working Group on Prevention and takes the lead on the development of anti-corruption educational programmes and training tools. Furthermore, the Branch spearheads UNODC's initiatives with the private sector and in the area of public private partnerships.

The implementation of tasks in the area of economic crime and identity-related fraud is also included in the responsibility of the Branch.

We are looking for highly-motivated individuals to join for up to 6 months as interns.

Typically, within our Branch, an intern will

- Assist in conducting legal research into States' efforts for implementing UNCAC; select relevant material, analyze information and present findings for internal review;
- Conduct legal and background research on areas relevant to the implementation of UNCAC (in particular prevention, asset recovery and international cooperation) using multiple research sources, select relevant material, analyze information and present findings for internal review;

- Assist in the review of other relevant legal documents, instruments, or other material; identify important issues, similarities and inconsistencies;
- Draft correspondence to States Parties as required;
- Perform other duties as assigned.

In terms of qualifications, an intern should ideally:

- Hold a first university degree (or the equivalent) and be enrolled in a degree programme in a graduate school (working towards a second university degree or higher) in the field of law, international relations or closely related field of study. Please note that all our interns need to be enrolled in a university programme at the time of application and during the whole internship.
- Be interested in the prevention and fight against corruption;
- Be fluent in English, and have an excellent working knowledge of another UN official language (Spanish, Arabic, French, Russian or Chinese);
- Have excellent research skills;
- Be familiar with Microsoft Office applications

Please note that the United Nations does not remunerate interns in any way. Costs and arrangements for travel, visas, accommodation and living expenses are the responsibility of the interns or their sponsoring institutions. Interns will not be entitled to any compensation for travel arrangements to and from the work location. Interns do not receive a salary or emoluments from the United Nations.

Please send your application to Ms Cecile Plunet at the following address: irg@unodc.org