

Internship Opportunity with The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Ecuador - Summer 2024

POSITION:	Communications intern
LOCATION:	Quito, Ecuador Remote internship: intern does not travel to or for the internship. The internship is conducted 100% remotely.
DESCRIPTION OF HOST ORGANIZATION:	<p>Ecuador is a country of destination and transit for persons in need of international protection. Over the past two decades, Ecuador has been hosting more than 74,000 recognized refugees (mainly Colombians) and has become the third main destination and transit country for Venezuelan refugees and migrants, after Colombia and Peru, with an estimated 502.000 Venezuelans living in the country.</p> <p>UNHCR has offices in Pichincha, Esmeraldas, Carchi, Sucumbíos, and Guayas provinces, providing the office with strategic presence in key locations where refugees and migrants have settled and where work in local integration is essential. In this context, efforts in reducing xenophobia and promoting interactions between refugees and locals is key, especially in a post-pandemic condition where both refugees and locals are severely affected by poverty and lack of access to livelihoods.</p> <p>Hence, UNHCR in Ecuador has a strong integration and peaceful coexistence perspective as a durable solution for refugees who cannot return home. This includes efforts in engaging private and public actors in supporting integration efforts through, inter Alia, employment, entrepreneurship, sports and arts, all advocating for better conditions for refugees to contribute meaningfully to the host country. Moreover, UNHCR support the government in delivering on their responsibility to protect people with international protection needs, as well as other efforts to integrate displaced people in the country including regularization processes. In this sense, UNHCR’s work in communications and advocacy is cross-cutting and supports strategic operational objectives through, among others, visibility, communicating with refugees and locals and public advocacy afore a wide set of actors.</p> <p>It is important to note that the language of the office and daily contact with refugees is in Spanish, so an excellent working knowledge of Spanish is required.</p>
INTERN’S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:	<p>The Communications intern accompanies and supports the Communications Unit at national level and local focal points in field offices. Activities and tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the communications team in maintaining UNHCR’s presence on social media. This may include creating content from scratch, processing content delivered by field offices (normally pictures and information) to post on social media, drafting copy and choosing content, as well as providing guidance to field offices on which content works better for UNHCR’s social media channels. • Support in producing bi-weekly bites to keep external and internal stakeholders abreast of the latest content produced in the operation. • Support in preparations (content, logistics, etc.) of special key events, including World Refugee Day. • Support in key reporting efforts, including in identifying and writing inputs, updating and producing the monthly report as well as the national, thematic and field office fact sheets. On occasions, the intern may also be required to support in drafting the internal weekly report. • Support the communications team in interagency efforts, including identifying opportunities to communicate about the GTRM (launch of data reports, special events, etc.) • Support the communications team in the production of multimedia content handling transcriptions of interviews and identifying main soundbites to highlight. The intern may also be required to help conduct remote interviews with refugees.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the communications and protection units in producing and designing communications with communities' content and dissemination strategies, to keep refugees and other displaced people informed of their rights, where to get help and other key information for their protection and integration. <p><i>Interns' duties and projects may not be as listed. These will depend on the needs of the host organization.</i></p>
HOST ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very good knowledge of Spanish (spoken and written) mandatory. Very good knowledge of English (spoken and written) mandatory. Respect for diversity and capacity to work in stressful contexts. Capacity to adapt to the requirements of the operation and to be a good team player. Note on eligibility: An individual whose father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister is a staff member of UNHCR, including a Temporary Appointment holder or a member of the Affiliate Workforce, is not eligible for an internship.
HOURS:	Full-time, 35 hours per week Monday to Friday
DATES:	11 weeks starting May 6, 2024.
RENUMERATION:	The internship will be funded through a McGill International Experience Award , valued at \$6,000 CAD
HOW TO APPLY:	Students must complete the online Arts Internship Application Form available on the AIO website: https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/internships/postings
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	February 11, 2024
ELIGIBILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McGill Faculty of Arts students (B.A., B.A & Sc., BSW, B.Th., M.A., MSW) Minimum CGPA of 2.7 Returning to McGill in the same program in the fall semester following the internship Fulfill Faculty of Arts requirements as outlined in the Interns Handbook https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/resources Provide proof of medical insurance for duration of internship
COSTS:	The intern is responsible for all costs associated with the internship including transportation, accommodations, etc.
TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS:	Pre-Departure Orientation is mandatory for students applying to internships that require travel outside of Canada. You will be required to download the certificate of completion in your application.
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:	Preparing travel arrangements to and from the internship host organization is the responsibility of the intern.
ACCOMMODATIONS:	Finding suitable lodging during the internship is the responsibility of the intern.
Entry Requirements:	<p>Interns are responsible for informing themselves of what entry requirements are required to visit and work as an intern in the internship host country. These may include a visa, work permit, passport valid for at least 6 months after entry, and proof of certain vaccinations.</p> <p><u>The intern is responsible for acquiring all necessary documents in time for the beginning of their internship.</u></p>
Citizenship Requirements:	<p>Interns are responsible for informing themselves of what entry requirements are required to visit and work as an intern in the internship host country. These may include a visa, work permit, passport valid for at least 6 months after entry, and proof of certain vaccinations.</p> <p><u>The intern is responsible for acquiring all necessary documents in time for the beginning of their internship.</u></p>

Please Note:

**If you feel you have experienced barriers which have had an impact on your academic performance and wish to highlight these to the selection committee, the documents/comments will be taken into consideration.*

We will get back to you shortly after the deadline if you are selected for an interview. The Arts Internship Office will then transmit the selected applications to the host organization, which will ultimately be responsible for the selection of the candidate(s). Students who do not receive offers will be notified on a rolling basis as decisions are made.