

Internship Opportunity with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Summer 2021

POSITION:	Community-based Protection Intern
LOCATION:	Ibarra, Ecuador (remote)
DESCRIPTION OF HOST ORGANIZATION:	<p>UNHCR has 20 years of history in the provinces of Imbabura and Carchi, as well as two cantons of Pichincha and Sucumbíos from its two offices: Ibarra (beginning 2000) and Tulcán (beginning 2010). Opposite the Colombian department of Nariño, on the northern border of Ecuador, the communities of Carchi and Imbabura have a long tradition of receiving refugees and asylum seekers. In addition, the region has the Rumichaca Bridge, one of the main official entry points into Ecuador from Colombia. There are also irregular border crossing routes throughout the region, the use of which has increased since 2019 with the increase of barriers to access the Ecuadorian territory and have been used since the closure of the official border in March 2020 due to the pandemic. These informal routes present protection risks: are difficult to monitor and make it difficult for the population to access information, humanitarian assistance, services and exercise their rights, and receive health checks.</p> <p>While a significant number of UNHCR's persons of concern continue onward to other parts of Ecuador or third countries, and some are trying to return to Venezuela due to the loss of livelihoods and housing as a result of COVID-19, others choose to stay in Carchi Province to work in agriculture or other income-generating activities. UNHCR continues to work on improving reception conditions, access to humanitarian assistance, local integration, and ensuring security and health in the context of COVID-19.</p> <p>Currently, it is estimated that 100's of Venezuelans enter Ecuador daily through irregular routes, and this flow is predicted to steadily increase in 2021. The UNV will be instrumental in supporting the Tulcán Field Office to conduct daily protection monitoring, identify and refer individuals with vulnerabilities for specific services, provide information on access to rights, and distribute life-saving humanitarian assistance including NFIs, clothing, and PPE.</p> <p>UNHCR's community-based protection team in Eje Andino works to strengthen communication with communities, including dissemination of information on Covid-19, how to access key protection services and rights. The intern will assist in development of communications products, with emphasis on accessibility and diversity.</p> <p>It is important to note that, the language of the office and direct work and daily contact with refugees is in Spanish, so an excellent working knowledge of Spanish is required.</p>
DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES OF INTERN:	<p>The Intern will support the Community-based Protection Unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for development of products for Communications with Communities. • Contribution to development of dissemination strategy for protection information. • Support to development of communications products with emphasis on age, gender and diversity considerations including reaching people with disabilities.
MCGILL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a McGill full-time undergraduate or graduate student (Master level), returning to their current registered faculty in fall 2021. • Must fulfill the Internship Offices Network requirements post-internship. For more information download the ION Intern Handbook on this page.
HOST ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS:	<p>Minimum qualifications required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluency in Spanish.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in communications, community-based protection, and/or working with populations with vulnerabilities. • Experience using Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and/or Social Media platforms. • 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.
DATES:	12 weeks from May to August 2021, dates to be discussed with the host organization.
HOURS:	Full-time, 35 hours per week.
REMUNERATION:	Successful candidates will receive an award issued by the McGill Internship Offices Network, valued at \$6,000 CAD.
COSTS:	The intern is responsible for all costs associated with the internship including transportation, accommodations, visas, etc.
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:	N/A
ACCOMODATIONS:	Finding suitable lodging during the internship is the responsibility of the intern.
HOW TO APPLY:	<p>Students must complete the online application form available on this site: https://www.mcgill.ca/internships/internship-application-form</p> <p>Include the following documents in PDF format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover letter, which clearly states goals and interests in serving as an intern. Letter should be addressed 'To whom it may concern' and be no more than one page in length; • An updated curriculum vitae (1-2 pages). • Copy of unofficial transcript. <p>Applicants should use the following file-name format: firstname.lastname_hostorganization (ex.: james.mcgill_camfed.pdf).</p> <p><i>Please note: If you are applying to a second degree at McGill and waiting for a response, you must hold a confirmation of acceptance by the application deadline and send it directly to ion@mcgill.ca</i></p>
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	February 22, 2021, 12PM (noon) EST
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:

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. At that time, you may be asked to come in for an interview.

The Internship Office Network will then transmit the selected applications to the host organization, which will ultimately be responsible for the selection of the candidate(s).

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