

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

POSITION:	Protection intern
LOCATION:	Field Office Guayaquil (remote)
DESCRIPTION OF HOST ORGANIZATION:	<p>Ecuador is a destination and transit country for persons in need of international protection. Over the past two decades, Ecuador has been hosting more than 68,000 recognized refugees (mainly Colombians) and has become a main destination and transit country for Venezuelan refugees and migrants. Ecuador receives the second largest number of Venezuelans after Colombia. Over 2.2 million have arrived in Ecuador since 2016. In 2019 Venezuelans have been arriving in Ecuador at an average of 1,950 people per day, almost all through the border crossings with Colombia. While 80% of Venezuelans arriving in Ecuador are in transit to third countries, official estimates are that more than 385,000 are residing in Ecuador.</p> <p>UNHCR has offices in Pichincha, Esmeraldas, Carchi, Sucumbíos, and Guayas provinces. The Province of Guayas was the fourth in the country hosting population of interest (PI) and registered a significant number of refugee applications from Colombians citizens. Due to the increase in mixed flows, mainly from the population from Venezuela requesting refuge and with protection needs, Guayas and the south of the country, -including the border with Peru-, becomes a place of transit, access to institutions such as the DPIN, NGOs and others for this population. Thus, the office of Guayaquil is an important place of operation in Ecuador to serve the population of interest and since May 2018, UNHCR decided to maintain a presence in Guayaquil to map and monitor the situation and determine the profiles and protection gaps of the IDPs. In the following months, other areas were covered, such as the provinces of Manabi and Santa Elena, where the presence of people of concern has increased. 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>
DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES OF INTERN:	<p>The Protection intern accompanies and supports the Unit Protection of Field Office Guayaquil. Activities and tasks according to each main activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the protection team with individual case management and identifying specific needs for the promotion of durable solutions with the refugee population; • Support to identify eventual cases for resettlement; • Register in databases all the information about the care provided during attention hours; • Discuss and present the cases with Supervisor or Focal Point; • Support to Focal Point of Childhood and SGBV: follow up of cases, record of actions carried out,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support in interviews, when required for people from outside the Continent in UNHCR, local NGOs or government institutions; • Support the protection and program assistant monitoring the community outreach activities of UNHCR implementing partners in Guayaquil neighborhoods; • Support in the identification and monitoring of protection alerts that may arise with our population of interest; • Support in the mapping of opportunities for strategic alliances with different actors, focused on achieving adequate livelihood proposals; • Support in the mapping of existing programs and services that allow strengthening the route of attention to the refugee population and improve the strategy of local integration of the population. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support with the weekly report and relevant reporting tools
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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Degree in Law or Social Sciences or related fields • Very good knowledge of Spanish (spoken and written) mandatory. • Very good knowledge of English (spoken and written). • Availability for at least 3 months beginning May 2021. • 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.
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 \$6,000CAD.
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:	Students must complete the online application form available on this site: https://www.mcgill.ca/internships/internship-application-form Include the following documents in PDF format:

	<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). <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>

We welcome all applications, but regret we are only able to respond to applicants invited for an interview. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted within two weeks of the application deadline. Please do not email to inquire about the status of your application.

A formal acceptance of an ION internship is a final decision, and under no circumstances (unless health or family-related) can a student withdraw from the internship after accepting. The consequence of this would be refusal of candidature for future ION internship opportunities. Please remember, revoking a spot in one of the organizations means also revoking it from another student who might have had the opportunity to take it.

You may apply to a maximum of three ION internships for summer 2020. Indicate your order of preference in the body of the email.