



Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations



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# FAO INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

## ➤ What is FAO?

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is an intergovernmental organization comprised of 194 Member Nations, two associate members and one member organization, the European Union. Founded in 1945 to free humanity from hunger and malnutrition, achieving food security is at the heart of FAO. Our three main goals are: the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition; the elimination of poverty and the driving forward of economic and social progress for all; and the sustainable management and utilization of natural resources, including land, water, air, climate and genetic resources for the benefit of present and future generations. To achieve these goals, FAO focuses its resources and programmes to achieve five strategic objectives:



**Help eliminate hunger,  
food insecurity and  
malnutrition**



**Make agriculture,  
forestry and fisheries  
more productive  
and sustainable**



**Reduce rural poverty**



**Enable inclusive and  
efficient agricultural  
and food systems**



**Increase the resilience  
of livelihoods to threats and crises**

## ➤ Overview of FAO's Internship Programme

FAO's Internship Programme aims to provide a learning opportunity for talented young women and men who are strongly motivated to share their new perspectives, innovative ideas and latest research experience in FAO's domains.

The Internship Programme provides selected students – enrolled in an under-graduate or post-graduate degree programme or recent graduates – the opportunity to supplement their academic knowledge with a practical work experience in a field related to the work of FAO. It enables them to gain a better understanding of FAO's mandates and programmes.

The duration of an internship assignment is between 3 to 11 months. Interns cannot be rehired under the Internship Programme. FAO pays a monthly stipend to interns. However, this provision is under revision.



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## ➤ Internship Programme Eligibility Criteria

**Nationality:** candidates must be nationals of FAO Member Nations. For a complete list of FAO Member Nations, please access this link here: <http://www.fao.org/legal/home/fao-members/en/>

**Age:** candidates should be aged between 21 and 30 at the start of their internship (i.e. internship should start before the candidate turns 31).

**Education:** candidates should be students enrolled in an under-graduate or post-graduate degree programme in a bona fide educational institution at the time of application, or recent graduates. FAO uses the “International Handbook of Universities”, published by the IAU/UNESCO, as a guide for the list of *bona fide* educational institutions. Applicants pursuing their studies in a country where higher education is not divided into under-graduate and graduate stages must have completed at least three years of full-time studies towards the completion of a degree.

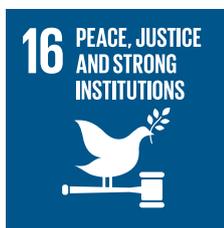
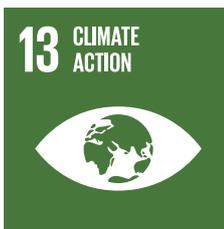
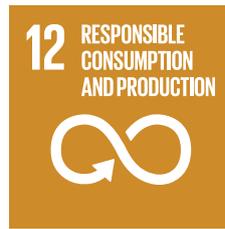
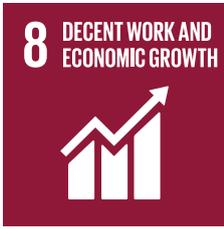
**Languages:** candidates must have a working knowledge of at least one FAO official language (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese or Russian). Knowledge of a second FAO official language will be considered an asset.

**Skills:** candidates should be able to adapt to an international multicultural environment, have good communication skills and be knowledgeable in the use of basic computer programmes.

**Residence/Visa status:** candidates should have appropriate residence or immigration status in the country of assignment.

**Family relation:** candidates with family members (defined as brother, sister, mother, or father) employed by FAO under any type of contractual arrangement will not be eligible.

## ➤ FAO's Goals and Strategic Objectives aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals



SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
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## How to apply

- Apply to “Calls for Expression of Interest”, which are published on the FAO employment web site:  
**<http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>**
- Interested candidates must apply through the i-recruitment system **<http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment/en/>** by submitting an online application form together with a motivation letter and the evidence of attendance at a recognized University.
- Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.
- For more details, please visit the Internship FAQ page **<http://www.fao.org/employment/collaborate-with-us/internship-programme/faq/en/>**

## Internship assignments sponsored by other institutions:

Candidates may contact their academic or other institutions to sponsor internship assignments at FAO. Those already sponsored can apply through the Calls for Expression of Interest.

## For more information, please contact:

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