WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK IN A VIBRANT AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT AT THE LARGEST DANISH EMBASSY IN AFRICA?

Internship at the Governance and Health Team from 1st of August 2018 to 31st of January 2019

Governance and Health
Kenya is East Africa’s economic and political powerhouse. The opportunities are manifold as Kenya’s progressive constitution from 2010 has the potential of delivering sustained democratic development. At the same time, Kenya and the broader region are facing increased political polarisation, insecurity and conflicts. The Governance and Health team engages this context head on and provides the intern with an introduction to the art of foreign policy in a stimulating international environment.

As an intern, you will act as an integrated part of the team. This means you will be working on a wide range of issues including good governance, public financial management, devolution, stabilisation and anti-radicalisation, health, gender equality and rule of law.

Our work
Foreign Policy and Programme Management
You will cooperate with the team leader and the programme managers in implementing the Governance Programme (2016-2020) and the Health Programme (2017-2020). The two programmes focus on strengthening the democratic practices, enhancing public sector effectiveness, support to Kenya’s devolution process, increasing access to health care services and maintaining peace, security and stability in the country. You will engage with our partner organisations and monitor, assess and report on their performance.

More details about the Governance and Health programmes can be found here (page 11-19).

Political Coordination and Reporting
The Governance and Health Team is the political engine at the Embassy, and you will assist the team in writing political reports. Hence, a critical part of the job is to stay informed about current political developments in Kenya.

Coordination and planning is a central part of the Embassy work. You will participate in and coordinate meetings with partners, such as local civil society organisations, international development partners, and government entities working on various governance issues. You will have an active role in preparing agendas and writing summaries and reports.

Public Diplomacy and Administrative Functions
As an intern, you will be acquainted with the practical workings of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. These include, on the one hand, learning about the management of development programmes and getting familiar with the financial and archiving systems used by the Ministry. On the other hand, you will be engaged in the public diplomacy efforts to promote the work done by the Embassy through our homepage, social media and traditional media.
The internship offers

- A unique insight into foreign policy, development and security in Kenya.
- Hands on experience with the conduct of development- and foreign policy.
- Opportunity to specialize in a specific area of interest within the governance sector.
- Transfer of credits (ECTS).

Qualifications

- A Bachelor degree and admission at master level at a Danish University in a relevant field for this position.
- Interest in governance issues such as democratic accountability, human rights, public financial management, security, gender, and civil society.
- Familiarity with development policies and/or East African or Kenyan politics is considered an asset.
- Responsible, independent and mature in your approach to an internship that unfolds in an international, intensive and demanding environment.
- Fast learner, ready to adapt and having good multi-tasking skills are highly valued qualities.
- Good English and Danish language skills.
- Danish citizenship or fulfilling the following requirements: The applicant has lived in Denmark for a longer period of time (at least 3-4 years), is admitted at a Danish University or Business School and at the time of applying has residence in Denmark.

Practicalities

The Embassy provides a monthly supplement of DKK 4000 of which approximately half is spent on rent for the apartment shared by the Embassy’s four interns. Due to regulation regarding SU and compensation, you will have two options regarding the supplement:

1) Choose not to receive SU and get the monthly supplement of DKK 4000 per month.
2) Receive SU and hand in documentation of concrete expenses (including flight tickets, vaccines, insurance, etc.) up to DKK 4000 per month.

Due to Nairobi being a city with high security risks there are certain limitations to the movements of the interns. For more information on the security situation in Nairobi, please see the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs' recommendations on travelling in Kenya. Regular security briefings will be provided by the Embassy.

Apply now!

Please send your application, CV, relevant recommendations and transcripts in a single PDF. The application must be in English, no longer than one page, and sent to johpet@um.dk with cc: nboamb@um.dk by the 9th of April 2018 marked ‘Application for Internship – Governance and Health’. Please state clearly if you are also applying for other positions within the Embassy. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our current intern, Johanne Krog Petersen, at johpet@um.dk.