Information Guide

Internships and Internship Module (EM 7437 NGOs Theory and Practice (Internship Module))
International Peace Studies
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The internship service was introduced to the MPhil in International Peace Studies in 2011 and has proved a huge success. For example:

Heidi Riley, Class of 2012/13
(Heidi did her undergraduate degree in lighting and theatre Production, Glasgow)

'I thoroughly enjoyed my internship at Front Line Defenders arranged by International Peace Studies, during my MPhil. Front Line is a fantastic organization that does vital work for the security and protection of Human Rights Defenders. Apart from this it is a very welcoming office with brilliant staff. I have particularly enjoyed it because I was not treated just as an intern but as a member of staff. All the projects I have worked on while being there have been very interesting and I was never expected to carry out menial tasks often associated with internships'.

Where is Heidi now? Phd programme, School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

Paul Musiol, Class of 2011
(Paul did his undergraduate degree in Philosophy and Political Science, Trinity College Dublin)

'With the help of the ISE, I undertook an internship in a non-governmental organisation working in multilateral disarmament in Geneva while I was writing my dissertation. This was an almost immeasurably worthwhile experience, and one which I wouldn't have had a chance to do were it not for this course. That internship led me on to more NGO work in Geneva and eventually to my...role, in the Middle East Unit of the Irish
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. In all my professional roles so far, the grounding I gained from this course has been a huge help, and I’d strongly recommend it for anyone who wants to better understand and engage with some of the most critical issues in the world today’

*Where is Paul now: Campaigns and Research Assistant, Crisis Action, Brussels*

Internships may be taken for credits (10ECTS) as an assessed module as a formal part of the MPhil programme, or on a non-assessed basis. Most internships are in areas of disarmament, development, human rights, gender, refugees/migration/trafficking, peace-building.

**Period of internships (most internships are part-time)**

Assessed Internships: *April to June, or June to September* for assessed internship (lectures and seminars end in 1st week of April usually). The dissertation is due in mid-late August and students who take an internship over the summer must be prepared to work on their dissertation also and submit in time.

Non-assessed Internships: *September to December* (after submission of dissertation) for non-assessed internships
Assessment Procedures

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The internship module is assessed by attending one two-hour seminar, usually in late March, or early April and by undertaking the internship satisfactorily, by submitting a report by an agreed deadline. The report is a log/diary of the internship work and an evaluation of how the internship related to academic modules in the IPS programme, as well as personal reflections about the internship. The internship module is assessed on a Pass/Fail basis.

List of NGOS and IOs that provided our students with internships in 2014

NB: this list may change each year

**Healing through Remembering, Belfast**

http://www.healingthroughremembering.org/

Healing through Remembering is an extensive cross-community organisation made up of a range of individual members holding different political perspectives working on a common goal of how to deal with the legacy of the past as it relates to the conflict in and about Northern Ireland.

**United Nations Office, Geneva, Press and External Relations, Information Office**

The Information Service is the voice of the United Nations Office at Geneva. As such, it informs Switzerland and the world about Geneva’s unique role in international relations and disseminates information on the Geneva-based activities of the United Nations relating to human rights, humanitarian affairs, peace and security/disarmament, as well as environmental protection and economic and social development.

**Frontline Defenders, Dublin**

http://www.frontlinedefenders.org/

Front Line was founded in Dublin in 2001 with the specific aim of protecting human rights defenders at risk, people who work, non-violently, for any or all of the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Front Line aims to address the protection needs identified by defenders themselves.
The Churches’ Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME), Brussels

http://www.politis-europe.uni-oldenburg.de/9826.html

The Churches’ Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) is an ecumenical agency on migration and integration, refugees and asylum and anti-racism and anti-discrimination of Protestant and Orthodox churches and church-related agencies. CCME also cooperates formally with the Conference of European Churches (CEC) and the World Council of Churches which have member churches in all European countries.

CFOR, London

http://www.cfor.info/

CFOR provides facilitation and training to resolve conflicts, prevent violence and support multicultural societies. We work with teams, organisations, conferences, think-tanks, community forums, and long-term projects of post-war recovery. Forums run from 3 hours to 5 days or a series over years. We also provide team building or alternative dispute resolution facilitation and training within organisations, have an annual modular ‘facilitation for leaders’ programme, and publish.

Peacedirect London

www.peacedirect.org

Peacedirect is an international charity dedicated to supporting local peacebuilding:

‘In the world’s most fragile countries, we seek out local peacebuilders who are making a real difference – building peace from the grassroots up, preventing conflict in the places where it starts – locally. They are disarming rebels, resettling refugees, healing communities, reviving economies. They work at great personal risk on crucial problems like child soldiers, women and conflict, youth and peace, political violence. They are the key to preventing conflicts and creating a lasting peace’ (www.peacedirect.org/)

AFRI, Dublin

http://www.afri.ie

Afri’s goal is the promotion of global justice and peace, and the reduction of poverty; this includes, but is not limited to, the progressive reduction of global militarisation, and responding to the threat of climate change, corporate control of resources and water, and interference with food sovereignty.
Please note the following important points

- There is usually a cap of 10 for the internship module. We cannot guarantee internships for all students. Where demand for internships exceeds supply, IPS staff will decide on placements based on students’s cv, academic record and statement of interest.
- Internships are un-paid
- Students have to pay for any flight, accommodation, insurance and vaccination costs themselves
- Students will be required to submit their dissertation by the August deadline
- Students are responsible for managing their workload: internships will not be grounds for extensions
- Students must undertake to behave responsibly.