

Internships | Call for applications

Apply by 1 January 2024

The World Heritage Centre ensures the implementation and monitoring of the 1972 Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (World Heritage Convention) as well as the Recommendation concerning the Historic Urban Landscape (2011). These two instruments are platforms for international cooperation to develop innovative strategies and strengthen institutional and human capacities for the conservation, preservation and sustainable management of cultural and natural heritage, in the face of growing threats, such as the effects of climate change, the pressure generated by uncontrolled urbanization and development, unsustainable tourist practices, or the deliberate attacks on cultural heritage and armed conflicts.

The Europe and North America Unit of the World Heritage Centre monitors the state of conservation of 47% of the properties inscribed on the World Heritage List. From 2022 to 2024, the Unit facilitates and coordinates the third cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in the region.

WHERE?

Europe and North America Unit
World Heritage Centre
Culture Sector UNESCO
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WHAT?

Several full-time internships of 6 months not remunerated.

Under the general authority of the Head of the Europe and North America Unit of the World Heritage Centre and the direct supervision of the Desk Officers of the Unit, the interns will support the monitoring of the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List.

WHEN?

Apply by 1 January 2024. Preselected candidates will be invited to the online interviews in January 2024. The start date of the internships will be between January and March 2024 but candidates available between July and September 2024 are also welcome to apply.

Please indicate your preferred start date of the internship in your application!

SELECTION CRITERIA

Students currently pursuing post-graduate studies or enrolled in a professional training programme; or recent graduates (within one year of completing post-graduate studies).

Education: Heritage conservation, architecture, archaeology, urban planning/design, geography, natural sciences, cultural policy, international relations, social sciences, and public policies. Overall knowledge of UNESCO World Heritage and/or UNESCO Culture Conventions is required.

Languages: Excellent communication and writing skills in English or French. Fluency in the other language is an asset.

Skills and competencies:

- Good knowledge of the 1972 World Heritage Convention
- Good analytical, organizational and communication skills
- Good IT skills

DOING WHAT?

- Carry out research and help gather information for the elaboration of various written documents such as briefings and speeches.
- Contribute to the drafting of correspondence with States Parties and civil society in Europe and North America regarding the state of conservation of properties.
- Contribute to the preparation of press releases, web news and other media content.
- Support the preparation and follow up of statutory or thematic meetings of the World Heritage Convention, including drafting minutes, revising and editing documents and checking the concordance of language versions before publication.
- Support the preparation of Reactive Monitoring and Advisory missions, by conducting documentary research on the properties concerned.
- Assist in activities related to the ongoing Periodic Reporting exercise.
- Contribute to the evaluation of proposals for the creation or renewal of UNESCO Chairs in the field of cultural and natural heritage.
- Maintain electronic and paper files up-to-date and organized in accordance with the standards of filing rules and practices in place and contribute to archiving tasks.
- Perform other duties as necessary to perform the above and related duties.

YOU WANT TO APPLY:

More information on UNESCO's internship programme can be found [here](#). If you are keen to work, learn and contribute to a dynamic team in an international environment, apply [online](#) and send your CV and letter of motivation to wh.eur@unesco.org. Both steps are necessary.