



Call for Applications
Internship with the UN-INSTRAW Gender, Peace and Security Programme

- Duration:** 4-6 months (with possible extension)
- Starting Date:** January 2008
- Deadline for Application:** N/A (internships are filled on an ongoing basis)

Under the supervision of UN-INSTRAW's Information Officer, the intern will focus on activities related to the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 "Women, Peace and Security," gender and security sector reform (SSR), and gender training for security personnel. In this regard, the intern shall undertake the following tasks:

1. Assist in conducting background research for project proposals, in project development activities, and ongoing projects (such as on "UNSCR 1325 of Somali women", "gender and security sector reform in Haiti", "gender based violence in disaster context in the Dominican Republic");
2. Assist in capacity-building activities;
3. Update the fund-raising database and identify key donors for specific project funding;
4. Compile a directory of contacts by means of the interactive database;
5. Assist in launching and distribution of information relevant to the three thematic areas of the gender, peace and security program
6. Assist in other tasks to be determined, in line with intern's interests and academic background and relevant to the Institute's programme of work

Requirements:

- o Graduate-level university degree in gender studies, development studies, international relations, political or social science, international law, or any other conflict, peace and security-related field;
- o Prior working experience - including internships or volunteer work -preferably in different country contexts in fundraising, project development, advocacy work, applied research and/or facilitating training;
- o Fluent English is essential and a working knowledge of Spanish or French is highly desirable.
- o Sensitivity to gender issues and understanding of and interest in human development, international legal frameworks and security policies;
- o Ability to work under pressure in order to meet deadlines, and to work on own initiative.
- o Proven research and writing skills.
- o Familiarity with MS office, Excel, and internet browsers for research purposes.

What the Intern can expect to learn from the Internship:

- o Wider knowledge of gender issues in general and as pertaining to peace and security and security sector reform in particular.
- o Knowledge of fund-raising strategies and potential donors for GPS projects.

- Knowledge of the UN system.
- Information-gathering and research skills.
- Networking and communication skills developed from contacting academic and UN staff.
- UN language and writing skills.
- Knowledge of interactive database software

Background:

UN-INSTRAW's Gender, Peace and Security Programme promotes gender equality and women's full and equal participation in the realms of peacekeeping, peace processes, post-conflict reconstruction and the reform of security institutions. In line with UN-INSTRAW's institutional objectives, the programme promotes applied research, facilitates knowledge management, and supports capacity-building in order to promote an inclusive peace and human security for women and men, girls and boys around the world.

The Gender, Peace and Security Programme's specific objectives include:

1. To promote the full and sustainable implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, particularly through the establishment of national action plans on 1325 that bring together multiple stakeholders in creating a national-level policy commitment with clear timelines, responsibilities, and accountability mechanisms.
2. To promote the inclusion of a gender perspective in all stages and levels of Security Sector Reform (SSR) processes, particularly through the development of concrete guidelines and capacity-building materials for policy makers and SSR practitioners.
3. To promote more effective gender training and capacity-building for security sector personnel, particularly through the provision of concrete monitoring and evaluation tools for gender training initiatives aimed at the security sector.