

Internship in Geneva (for University of Pretoria Student)

The **Universal Rights Group (URG)** is looking for a dynamic UP student with a passion for universal human rights, international politics, and policy research, analysis, to fill a three-month internship position at its main office in Geneva from **September to December 2017**.

The URG Internship aims to give the successful applicant a comprehensive grounding in the work of the UN Human Rights Council, its mechanisms, the Treaty Bodies, the wider UN human rights 'pillar,' the regional human rights systems, and the ways in which universal norms are translated into domestic improvements in the enjoyment of human rights. The internship offers a unique opportunity to work at the cutting edge of international human rights knowledge, research, and counsel.

The Intern will receive a **monthly stipend of 1,000 CHF per month** for three months (with the possibility of renewing the internship once).

The Internship is based at URG's headquarters in **Versoix (Canton Geneva), Switzerland**, though travel within and outside of Switzerland may be required.

Qualifications and competences

URG Internships aim to provide recent graduates from degree level university courses (ideally at Masters level) with a first professional experience in the world of international human rights policy. Applicants must have recently completed their degree (i.e. within the last two years) or be in the process of completing their degree (i.e. have the possibility of undertaking an internship as part of their degree). The degree should be in a relevant discipline such as human rights, international relations, international politics, or international law. Applicants should have strong research and drafting skills; a keen interest in and knowledge of universal human rights, including UN human rights institutions, mechanisms and policy; and good organisational abilities (e.g. for event management).

Application process

Interested candidates are requested to submit their CV (including the contact details of two referees), with motivation letter, to: Pumeza.Matwa@up.ac.za. **Applications will close at 16:00 on 14th July 2017 CAT.**

For more information, please contact the office of Prof Christof Heyns at the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa [Email: Pumeza.Matwa@up.ac.za / Tel: 012 420 6217.