

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia (UNESCAP) - Australian Institute for Business and Economics (AIBE) International Internship Leadership Program ASIA-PACIFIC

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia (UNESCAP) - Australian Institute for Business and Economics (AIBE) Internship is for a minimum of three months, with a possibility of extension up to six months, if required by both organisations. Successful candidates will be provided with ongoing mentoring by the United Nations and awarded a certificate of completion by both organisations at the end of the placement.

The internship is full-time for both Masters and PhD students (part-time positions might be considered). Interns work under the supervision of staff members at AIBE and UNESCAP. Interns undertake analytical studies and policy-oriented research on medium- to long-term development issues facing the Asia-Pacific region, including for the development needs of the region's least developed countries, and the role of developed countries such as Australia as well as other countries with special needs.

Accountabilities

Undertake research, analysis and assist with the organisation of online events, in areas such as:

- financing for sustainable development: domestic and external resource mobilization, financial literacy, capital market development, infrastructure financing, public-private partnerships, financial inclusion (e.g., small business' access to finance); foreign direct investment, official development assistance (ODA), remittance and climate finance
- regional approaches to business sustainability
- the role of Australia in the Asia-Pacific post-pandemic and sustainable business models
- special support to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States: poverty reduction, LDC graduation, economic diversification, structural transformation, development cooperation
- identify key short- to medium-term risks to sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region; prepare literature reviews, grant proposals, summary tables, graphs, and other inputs, as needed for UNESCAP-AIBE publications, working papers and policy briefs
- perform other related duties as assigned.

Selection Criteria

To qualify for this Internship Program, the following conditions must be met:

- be enrolled in a school program (second university degree or equivalent, or higher) be enrolled in the final academic year
- be computer literate in standard software applications, social media and ideally statistical/ packages such as Stata, NVivo
- have demonstrated a keen interest in the work of the United Nations
- have demonstrated the ability to successfully interact with individuals of different cultural backgrounds and beliefs, which includes willingness to understand and be tolerant of differing opinions and views.

Application

To be considered for an internship, applicants should submit:

- a curriculum vitae
- a 1-2 page draft proposal for a potential publication aligned with one of the themes outlined above.

Applications should be submitted to Dr Isabel B. Franco, Research Fellow, AIBE at isabelfranco@uq.edu.au.