UN Habitat
Sustainable Urban Development Internship

Project Summary

The Safer Cities Programme at UN-Habitat global headquarters in Nairobi offers internship opportunities in conformity with the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) Internship Office as the administrative lead.

The Programme provides technical support to local governments to develop citywide crime prevention and urban safety policies and programmes. It has established such programmes in 77 cities in Latin America, Eastern Europe, Arab states, Africa and Asia Pacific regions.

The Programme is currently finalizing UN system wide Guidelines on Safer Cities to be submitted at the 1st UN Habitat Assembly of member states on 27 May 2019 in Nairobi. Further, it is developing a 5 year Implementation Plan for the Guidelines in line with the agency wide strategic plan 2020 to 2025, that includes the development of city safety labs, city safety indicators, publication of occasional papers on topical issues around urban safety, city to city cooperation, among others.

This internship will expose the student to the above areas of UN Habitats normative and operational work, across the skills of knowledge management, tool development, training and capacity building and advocacy and networking.

Details

In terms of the current focus on the Safer Cities Guidelines, the intern's responsibilities will mainly be literature review and assisting in the development of reports. By the end of the internship, the intern would have gained knowledge of the UN system, and how it works to embed research and practice in its technical support of member states – towards the formulation of policies and programmes at the city level.

Applicant Profile

- Degree in the social sciences
- Excellent communication skills. Preferably with knowledge of one or more UN languages, English is mandatory
- A team player, and able to work in a multicultural environment

Salary: Students who are selected for this internship will be awarded a £1,500 Oxford University Internship Award. Please note this may not be enough to cover the full cost of this internship.