



INTERNSHIP OPENING

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Posting title:	Intern - CBRN Centre of Excellence
Unit/Project:	CBRN Risk Mitigation and Security Governance Programme
Duty station:	Amman, Jordan
Proposed duration and EoD:	Semester: Spring 2018 (January - April 2018) Minimum duration: 2 months
Deadline for applications:	20 September 2017
Reference number:	IO_Spring 2018_13_Amman

The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) accepts a limited number of unpaid interns on an ad hoc basis. The objective of the internship programme is to enhance the educational experience of graduate and post-graduate students from diverse academic backgrounds through practical work assignments and on-the-job experience, to expose them to the work of the United Nations and to provide UNICRI with the assistance of highly qualified students specialized in various professional fields.

The intern is expected to work on a full-time basis at UNICRI premises in Amman, Jordan.

UNICRI will not bear any cost for the internship and all expenses connected with it must be borne by the intern.

1. Background

UNICRI is a United Nations entity established in 1965 to support countries worldwide in preventing crime and facilitating criminal justice. UNICRI is mandated to assist intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations in formulating and implementing improved policies in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. UNICRI's goals are:

- to advance understanding of crime-related problems;
- to foster just and efficient criminal justice systems;
- to support the respect of international instruments and other standards;
- to facilitate international law enforcement cooperation and judicial assistance.

An effective strategy to mitigate Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) risks of criminal, accidental or natural origin requires a very high level of co-operation and co-ordination both between different national agencies as well as among Countries and International and Regional Organizations. Lack of harmonization of national preparedness and fragmentation of responsibilities within the regional or international network can reduce effectiveness of prevention strategies and cause delay in response during crisis situation.

Existing international and national strategies acknowledge the importance of developing a comprehensive approach, but tend to have an isolated approach perpetuated by the divisional structuring of chemical, biological, nuclear or radiological sectors. The CBRN issue is often fragmented– with each sector studied in isolation. This is potentially counterproductive because no single organization possesses all necessary resources, expertise and statutory power to address all possible aspects of the problem.

UNICRI supports the development of an integrated CBRN approach that incorporates all international, regional and national CBRN components into a common strategy. This entails the application of a holistic approach through which all stakeholders, while operating autonomously, can establish common goals, identify and manage resources to achieve these goals, clearly allocate responsibilities and tasks, elaborate functioning channels of communication, create a security culture based on common learning, and ensure that lessons learnt are incorporated and absorbed throughout the whole system.

In line with this vision, UNICRI, with the technical support of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Implementing Support Unit of the Biological Weapons Convention (ISU BWC), the World Health Organization (WHO), Interpol, Europol and the World Customs Organisation (WCO) launched in 2004 the CBRN Risk Mitigation and Security Governance Programme.

The main objectives of the Programme are:

- Promote and support the development of CBRN Security Governance in participating countries by encouraging a comprehensive CBRN approach, establishing clear channels of communication, improving information sharing and transferring international best practices.
- Optimize the sharing and use of accumulated international and national experience in the area of CBRN risk mitigation, including applying knowledge and lessons learnt from the nuclear security field to the chemical and biological security field.
- Develop a cooperation process among network members to identify problems and possible solutions from information available to the network. Through this approach, the intent is to generate genuine ownership of policy and its implementation by national agencies.

2. Specific tasks to be performed

UNICRI Internship Programme and under the supervision of the Regional Coordinator for the Middle East and Gulf Cooperation Council countries, the intern will assist the CBRN Risk Mitigation and Security Governance Programme in the development of the following activities:

- Perform research and collect materials (technical, educational, legal, etc.) on CBRN related topics;

- Research and production of periodic reports on CBRN CoE partner countries situation;
- Draft meeting reports, correspondence and information material;
- Build and maintain contacts with local institutions and international organizations and target audiences;
- Prepare PowerPoint presentations;
- Draft press releases and brief the regional coordinator on relevant news from the region;
- Map the activities of other international organizations which work in the CBRN field;
- Map the relevant funding in the region;
- Prepare speeches;
- Provide JRC with the updates for the CoE portal;
- Organize and attend key events, conferences and missions;
- Identify opportunities to promote UNICRI's goals and objectives and new sources of funding;
- Translate relevant documents into Arabic/English;
- Populate the CBRN CoE Portal and the UNICRI Database;
- Perform other tasks as required.

In addition, the intern may spend 10% of his/her time for the preparation of materials/reports on a topic of his/her choice (optional).

3. Qualifications

Education:

Applicants shall hold at least a first university degree (Bachelor or equivalent) in political sciences, criminology, law or a similar field.

Applicants who have graduated with a university degree (first or second university degree, or equivalent, or higher), if selected, must commence the internship within a one-year period of graduation.

Experience:

Experience in organizations with similar backgrounds is an asset.

Languages:

Fluency in English is required. Working knowledge of Arabic and French is highly desirable.

4. Submission of applications

Applicants are required to complete application form available at:

http://www.unicri.it/institute/join_us/jobs/internships/

Applications must indicate the Internship Opening reference number. Applications that do not quote the reference number and/or are received after the deadline will not be considered.

Applications shall be sent - preferably - via email to internship@unicri.it.

If electronic submission is not possible, a hard copy can be mailed or faxed to:

UNICRI

Internship Coordinator

Viale Maestri del Lavoro, 10

10127 Turin, Italy

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Due to the expected high volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview.