

SPECIAL CALL
Internship announcement

International Bureau for Children's Rights

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for internships starting March 2012

Deadline for application:

February 21st 2012

The organization

The International Bureau for Children's Rights (IBCR) is an international non-governmental organization, whose board of directors is composed of Canadian and international experts. The IBCR's mission is to contribute to the protection and promotion of children's rights worldwide.

To know more about the organization, please visit <http://www.ibcr.org>

Internship focus

You will join the team of the IBCR's professionals, lawyers, students and volunteers in the framework of the implementation of the 2011-2012 plan, which envisages conducting research, analyzing and preparing draft country profiles concerning the implementation of the *Convention on the Rights of the Child* and/or reports on child trafficking in Canada, and/or activities to implement the new UN *Guidelines on Justice in Matters Involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime* and/or the prevention of child sex tourism and/or the protection of the rights of children affected by armed conflict and/or assisting in fundraising activities.

In support to the programs' development, the internship involves tasks related to logistics, updating of documents, financing requests, database management, selective research work, summarization of documents, publication of news letters etc. as well as collaboration within the framework of other projects.

Dates and length

Its minimal length is **12 weeks with 4 to 5 workdays per week**. It is a full-time internship. No remuneration is envisaged for this internship; IBCR will reimburse public transportation expenses and offer compensation for lunch. **The internship is to start by March 5th until the beginning of June 2012.**

Requirements

- Concentration in one of the following fields: law, international law, international relations, human science, political science, sociology, criminology, victimology, Latin American studies or related fields (preference will be given to graduate students who can receive academic credits for the internship);
- Autonomy and resourcefulness;
- Ability to work in a team and to work under pressure;
- **Fully fluent and proficient writing skills in Spanish and English;**
- Familiarity with human/children's rights, human rights instruments, field experience or relevant work experience is a plus.
- French would be an asset.

Standards of background evaluation

- Academic background, including relevant university courses completed and research written on issues relevant to IBCR's fields of work;
- Application letter, assessed according to the quality of writing and the subjects raised in the letter: interest and importance of internship in student's career, previous experience, knowledge or other relevant skills for the internship;
- Dynamics of the brief pre-selection interview.

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How to apply

The application package must include:

- Application letter;
- Curriculum vitae (including a section with references);
- Academic record/grades

Send your application to: Marco Sotelo (Program Manager)
m.sotelo@ibcr.org

Students able to credit this internship will be given preference.



Sexual Exploitation of Children: Prevention of Child Sex Tourism

The internship is to support the program for the Prevention of Child Sex Tourism of the IBCR.

Canadian Extraterritorial Law allows the prosecution of Canadian offenders in Canada for sexual crimes against children committed abroad. Unfortunately, the Canadian population is not familiar with this law, its implications and consequences.

Additionally, information on existing laws against Child Sex Tourism and Sexual Exploitation of Children is lacking in Canada and in Canadian travelers' preferred destinations. As a result, there is belief among the population that laws to protect children against sexual exploitation or sexual abuse do not exist or are not enforced. Moreover, it is commonly believed that these offences are not considered as such.

According to various sources, more than a hundred Canadians have been investigated for sexual crimes committed against children abroad. However, there are too few Canadians who have been convicted for their crimes committed against children outside of Canada. Also of concern is the increasing incidence of young Canadian tourists who engage in CST due to ignorance or a lack of information.

The IBCR is actively working to increase multi-sectoral collaboration and coordination around the issue in Canada and at the international level. To achieve this, the organization will enact a bilateral project between Canada and Costa Rica, demonstrating a good practice between a country of origin and destination of CST. The project will be in partnership with Fundacion Paniamor and World Vision and will involve families and members of the informal sector of tourism in Costa Rica.

The intern will be supporting the project initiatives from the IBCR's offices in Montreal. The project encompasses activities such as data collection, the creation of an information-sharing network on CST, research activities, collaboration for the raise-awareness campaign among other activities.