Call for applications – Paid internship opportunity with the OECD Open Governance Unit

Deadline: 26th May 2024 23:59 CEST.

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We are searching for talented and highly motivated individuals to join the OECD Open Governance Unit for a minimum six-month internship experience during the summer semester 2024. The successful candidates will support open governance indicator initiatives and the development of the Citizen Participation Barometer, the OECD's first index measuring OECD countries' implementation in the areas of transparency; participation; and the protection of civic space.

The Citizen Participation Barometer supports Pillar 2 on "Enhancing representation, participation, and openness in public life" of the OECD Reinforcing Democracy Initiative. This index will serve as a comprehensive tool to evaluate democratic involvement at the national level across OECD countries. Its primary objective is to provide policymakers with a concise, data-driven, and internationally comparable assessment of their countries' democratic involvement practices to facilitate the identification of bottlenecks and support evidence-based interventions.

About us

The Open Governance Unit (OGU) is situated within the Innovative, Digital and Open Governance Division (INDIGO) of the OECD's Public Governance Directorate (GOV). OGU is dedicated to promoting effective open government strategies and initiatives in support of transparency, integrity, accountability and stakeholder participation. OGU supports countries in making government activities understandable to the public and offering engagement opportunities in public decision-making, including through a strategic use of public communication and a protected civic space. Our unit supports and assists countries through the provision of policy advice and capacity building, enabling them to better serve citizens.

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Expected activities and duration

Duration: 6 months (ideally July – December 2024)

The selected candidates will work on the following expected activities under the supervision of a Policy Analyst:

- OECD 2024 Survey on Open Government: Contributing to the development and deployment of the open government survey using the OECD survey tool (LimeSurvey); supporting the validation of survey responses; conducting qualitative and quantitative analyses of survey data.
- Open Government Indicators: Providing analytical, writing and coordination support to the open government indicators line of work in different country projects.
- Policy advice: Contributing to the preparation of presentations and talking points for external and internal OECD meetings, conferences, networks and/or working parties.
- Research: Assisting in open governance research and analysis.

Profile of ideal candidate

Eligibility and availability

- National of any OECD Member or accession country (Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Peru, or Romania).
- Available full-time (40-hours per week) for a minimum of six months.
- Enrolled in a Master's programme for the entire duration of the internship in a field or discipline related to the work of the OECD Public Governance Directorate.
- Excellent command of English; working knowledge of French or other language is an asset.
- Based in Paris; remote internships possible on a case-by-case basis.

Please note that, if selected, the candidate must be able to obtain a Memorandum of Agreement between their school and the OECD, which governs the terms of the internship.

Experience:

- Demonstrated experience in the area of open government and/or studies in open government-related subjects, e.g. political science, public policy, social sciences.
- Proficiency in social science research methods, preferably with a focus on mixed methods and survey design.
- Advanced skills in qualitative and quantitative analysis.
- Excellent drafting and communication skills, particularly in presenting highly technical subjects to diverse audiences.
- Ability to work effectively in a multicultural team environment.
- Preferred: Work experience in an international organisation, government or public sector organisation.
- Preferred: Experience with cross-country surveys and indicator development.
- Preferred: Knowledge of a statistical software, ideally R.

Benefits

- Full-time OECD interns are paid an allowance of EUR 1000 per month.
- Full-time interns are entitled to 2.5 days of leave per month.
- Flexible work from home arrangements (2 days a week) with additional flexibility during the Olympic games.

How to apply

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1. Submit your application through the OECD online application platform. More information on the OECD internship programme can be found here.
2. Email Benedict.STEFANI@oecd.org to let us know if you have applied to the internship. Please also:
    - Send us your OECD application number.
    - State your optimal start and end date.
    - Confirm your enrolment in a full-time degree programme for the full duration of the internship.

General information including a FAQ can be found here.