



CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE INITIATIVE  
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## Research and Events Intern

**Paid Internship opportunity (part-time), Remote**

**September/October 2021 – March 2022**

***Deadline for applications: 10<sup>th</sup> September; Interviews for shortlisted candidates: week of 13 September***

***The CTI Secretariat is looking to recruit a part-time intern (up to 15 hours per week) for six months, starting on 27 September 2021, to support CTI's important work.***

### **About the CTI**

CTI is an inter-governmental, cross-regional initiative launched in March 2014, by the Governments of Chile, Denmark, Ghana, Indonesia and Morocco, and joined in February 2019 by Fiji, (“the Core States”) to promote the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (UNCAT). CTI’s overall aspiration is to reduce the risks of torture and ill-treatment. CTI uses government-to-government dialogue, international cooperation and diplomacy, alongside capacity building and technical assistance, to assist governments on ways to address and overcome specific challenges.

### **Vision**

By 2024, universal ratification of UNCAT will be a reality. The risk of torture will be reduced as all States parties will be working actively to implement the Convention.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the CTI are:

- To identify challenges and barriers to ratification and implementation of the UNCAT
- To address these obstacles through inter-State cooperation, assistance and dialogue
- To become a hub for sharing knowledge and good practices between governments
- To build a global platform of States, the UN, national and international NGOs and experts to work jointly to achieve the CTI vision.

**More information** is available at [www.cti2024.org](http://www.cti2024.org)

### **CTI’s expectations of the Intern**

As part of the CTI Secretariat team, the CTI Intern will be involved in a range of tasks including:

- research and analysis of country situations, policy and legal issues;
- support for the preparation of major regional events, technical workshops, missions or expert meetings, covering all aspects including logistical and substantive inputs;

- development and editing of various documents, including advice notes, speeches, research papers, concept notes, minutes of meetings, etc.;
- attending and reporting on bilateral or multilateral meetings at the United Nations and other organisations;
- drafting press releases and social media posts;
- other tasks as they arise.

## **Intern expectations**

The Intern will (i) gain a deeper understanding of the Convention against Torture, its Optional Protocol and associated legal frameworks and rules, as well as its implementation in practice, (ii) be privy to the workings of a diplomatic initiative and understand better the challenges facing States regarding ratification and implementation of an international treaty, and (iii) practice and develop “professional skills”, such as project and time management, prioritization, team work, research, analysis and drafting, etc.

The internship will be a mix of substantive and administrative contributions. As we are a small Secretariat, there is a certain amount of administrative work being done by each staff member and while efforts are made to keep this to a minimum, all staff members and interns are expected to contribute fully to the collective work of the Secretariat.

## **Qualifications and experience of the Intern**

The CTI intern will have studied/be studying international human rights law, and would ideally be in the final year of a relevant Masters or equivalent postgraduate programme, or undertaking a PhD programme.

Fluency in English is required, while working knowledge of another UN language (particularly Arabic, French or Spanish) would be considered favourably.

While not a formal requirement, any relevant work or volunteer experience will of course be taken into account in the selection of the CTI Intern. The Intern should in particular have excellent research, analytical and drafting skills, be well-organised and motivated.

As the internship is remote, all nationalities are welcome to apply. However, if the successful candidate resides in Switzerland, the intern must possess a valid student visa for study in Switzerland, or otherwise be a citizen of Switzerland/EU/EEA.

## **Travel**

While travel and/or participation in CTI events are not guaranteed, particularly given the current Covid-19 constraints, you may be asked to join the CTI Secretariat at particular events, subject to need and your availability. Our previous interns travelled with us to Ghana, Denmark and Uganda!

## **Availability**

The CTI Secretariat is looking to recruit an intern to start the last week of September, on a part-time basis / 15 hours per week (e.g. approximately two days per week or equivalent). You must be available for 6 months. This should allow the intern to combine easily the internship with their studies, as well as with a view to maximizing the learning experience of the Intern and the investment of CTI Secretariat in their learning.

Given the current Covid-19 restrictions tasks need to be undertaken outside of the CTI office and at the intern's own premises.

Please send a cover letter expressing your reasons for interest in the internship, addressed to Ms Gayethri Pillay, Acting Head of the CTI Secretariat, with your CV and a recent unpublished writing sample and submit them to mail to : [recruit\\_cti@cti2024.org](mailto:recruit_cti@cti2024.org) , Subject: "CTI internship 2021". Unfortunately owing to the small Secretariat, we will only be in touch with short-listed candidates so if you have not heard from us by 20 September, you should assume your application has not been successful.