

Essay Prompt & Instructions

In order that the internship team makes the best fit between your background, your professional plans, and the needs of the sponsoring organization, please use the following guidelines when writing your essay:

- Please write a short (500 word maximum) description of the type of internship you would like, and why. You might describe how the internship fits into your program of study or professional aspirations.
- Consider some of these questions:
 - What are your goals for *international* internship experience?
 - What kind of experience are you hoping to gain from your placement?
 - What are your priorities for the placement?
 - Do you require a lot of supervision or do you prefer to work independently?
 - Do you want to be given a specific project or do you enjoy being involved in a variety of tasks?
 - What size office would you like? (Remember: bigger does not always equal better, more opportunities are usually available to students at smaller organizations)
 - What are your strengths? Weaknesses? How can we use these to your advantage when looking for a placement for you?
 - Where do you hope to be one year from now? Five years?
 - What experience do you have and is it relevant to the kind of placements you have in mind? Keep in mind the type of experiences you've already had and how those can be applied in an international context.
- Your essay should be in English for London, Dublin, and Geneva; in French for Paris; and in Spanish for Madrid.