



CALL FOR INTERNSHIP APPLICANTS

If you are interested in family issues and want to gain experience in the work of International Organizations, you might be eligible to spend six months (January-June 2014) interning with a leading organization in New York, Geneva or Brussels.

Applicants should be entry-level professionals or students of social studies/political science or a related field, who demonstrate a strong interest in family issues and are fluent in English usage (C1-C2 European Levels).

Applications (CV and cover letter) should be sent in English to int.relations@iffd.org. The deadline for 2014-period will be 31 October 2013. If vacancies are not covered by applications received by that date, it could be extended until they are.

Once the application is received, candidates will be contacted for an interview. Selected interns will be required to present proof that they are covered against occupational and non-occupational injury and illness and will be asked to attend a training week in Madrid in December 2013. Moreover, they agree to volunteer their services in accordance with the instructions of the IFFD staff. The situation of volunteer services won't generate any labor relationship between the intern and IFFD.

Interns may be asked to assist with conducting background research to inform the office's policy and programmatic work, attending and briefing staff on relevant meetings at the UN or EU and in the NGO community, producing contributions to major events, participating in the celebrations for the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, conducting representatives' work on NGO Committees, translating and editing documents, developing website content, and some administrative tasks.

A 500 euro monthly allowance will be provided to cover the participants' basic living expenses during the internship period. Exceptionally, the amount can be increased in regard to personal situations.

About IFFD

Activities in the Family Enrichment Programs started in the 1960s to aid parents in childrearing and are based on the case method, a way to promote discussion about real situations instead of stigmatizing or patronizing. After more than 30 years of experience, the International Federation for Family Development was then established in the United States in Orlando, Florida, as a non-confessional, non-profit, independent and private federation of Family Enrichment Centers. Its international headquarters are located in Spain, where the courses first started.

The primary mission of IFFD is to support parents in their educational work within functioning families, helping them develop their full potential as educators of their children with no discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or origin and based in the conviction that this is an unavoidable task for parents, and it must have the recognition and support of institutions and social partners.

Our members are located in 60 countries on the five continents and the Family Enrichment programs currently operate in 63 countries. Each year, more than 600 courses are conducted accounting for more than 20,000 participants as well as over 600 events encompassing another 34,000 attendants.

IFFD holds general consultative status with ECOSOC, a position only granted to 4% of Civil Society organizations working in United Nations. We have been part of different Expert Group Meetings and co-organizers of the European EGM held in Brussels in June 2012. We are also part of innovating projects of the European Union regarding the future of families in Europe.