

Call for interest – EUI Internship with Analysis and Research Team – General Secretariat of Council of EU

Background

The Analysis and Research Team (ART) is a relatively recent service of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union (GSC). It was set up at the beginning of 2021 to support the work of the Council and European Council by providing:

- **analysis and foresight to assist in strategic planning and the policy-making process over the medium to long term**
- **research and analysis into cross-cutting issues and subjects which go beyond the day-to-day business of both institutions, but which are relevant to their work.**

The team works in close cooperation with the President of the European Council and his cabinet, the Secretary-General, and Directorate-Generals in the GSC. It is answerable directly to the Secretary-General.

In carrying out its tasks, the team draws on in-house expertise but also makes use of external sources such as think-tanks and academic bodies. It cooperates with its counterparts in the other EU institutions and in the member states.

The team is small (total of 9 persons), and we are looking for a researcher (preferably a doctoral student) to join us for a period of three months in order to support the work of the team. The person selected will be expected to bring outside expertise to the team and contribute to one or more area of research. The internship will provide the opportunity for the person selected to gain experience of preparing research in direct support of the policy-making process as well as insights into the functioning of the Council and European Council.

Time requirement

40 hours a week from mid-September to mid-December 2022 (precise dates to be settled by mutual agreement).

Duty station

Reporting lines

The internship is based in Brussels. The appointee reports to Guy Milton, Head of the Analysis and Research Team who may delegate supervision to other members of the team for specific tasks.

Main tasks

In close coordination with members of the Analysis and Research Team and under the supervision of the Head of the Team, the Intern will be fully involved in the full range of activities of the team.

The choice of candidate will depend in part on finding a match between the person's expertise/areas of interest and one or more of the priorities of our research priorities. ART is currently interested in the areas of geopolitics (implications of war in Ukraine, China, defence and security), the digital transition, the green transition (including the social consequences and the energy transition), dependencies (semi-conductors and global supply chains) and the future of democracy. However this is neither an exhaustive nor exclusive list and we are very open to consider candidates who have expertise/interest in other areas which could be of interest to the Council and European Council.

Within the scope of the areas/topics identified, the intern is expected to be involved in the following tasks:

- Carrying out research and analysis on agreed policy areas as part of preparing written products from the team for internal or external use.
- Preparing initial proposals on scope and content of papers, participating in team discussions, coordinating and contributing to drafting.
- Overseeing the finalisation of papers, including the creation of appropriate supporting graphic material.
- Drawing on expertise both within the GSC and with other institutions, as well as with outside experts (think tanks, NGOs, business, academia etc).
- Proposing and supporting the organisation of events involving GSC officials and appropriate external participants.
- Providing input, comments and suggestions on issues as part of team brainstorming sessions.

Qualifications and Experience

- Recent graduate or ongoing university study/studies engaged in doctoral-level research in a relevant field.
- Ability to draft in English to a very high standard
- Strong political sense
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Good team-worker
- Computer proficiency in standard office software (word, excel, etc.)

Administrative Information

The GSC is unable to offer any financial assistance or insurance for the duration of the internship. The internship does not constitute a commitment to future employment with the General Secretariat of the Council.

PLEASE NOTE: An intern is not a staff member of General Secretariat of the Council.