
RESOURCES FOR FINDING INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

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Start Early and Be Persistent

With any long distance job search, you must start early (i.e., in the fall semester for a summer internship.) Even if you make contact and the employer says she is not hiring, maintain contact and keep checking in. Her hiring needs may change closer to the summer and you want to be among the first to know.

Make and Maintain Contact

If you will be visiting the international location where you wish to work, set up informational interviews with people who work at your dream employer ahead of time. Fill out an alumni information request form and get a list of alumni in the country that interests you. Contact them and set up informational interviews.

Resources

The following resources represent a fraction of the available materials on this subject. For more detailed guidance, make an appointment to speak with a career counselor.

Paper Resources:

Careers in International Law: A Guide to Career Paths in International Law. The American Society of International Law, 2007-8. Very useful first-hand summaries of countless ways in which to practice international law.

International Public Interest Law: a Guide to Opportunities in the U.S. and Abroad. Yale Law School, 20011-2012. Great information on international organizations and NGOs, including websites, addresses, and phone numbers.

Careers in International Law, ABA Section of International Law & Practice, 2012. First hand accounts of international law careers in the private and public sector. Contains short lists of international organizations and NGOs in Washington, D.C.

Careers in International Affairs, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 2008. This excellent resource contains career path suggestions for international careers in government, banking, business, consulting, media, non-profits, research and much more.

On-Line Resources:

American Bar Association International Internship Section

Lists internships available in many countries and deadlines by when to apply.

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/international_law/students/careerresources.html

Central and East European Law Initiative

Volunteer internships for 1Ls through recent law school graduates at its Washington D.C. headquarters and post-JD jobs in Central and Eastern Europe and the NIS through the ABA CEELI program.

<http://www.abanet.org/rol/opportunities/internships.shtml>

Escape Artist

List of overseas jobs on the Internet and selected university career sites.

<http://www.escapeartist.com/>

European Patent Office

Contains listings of jobs at the European Patent Office as well as links to employment pages at other international organizations that focus on scientific and economic issues.

<http://www.epo.org/about-us/jobs.html>

Links to International Non-Governmental Organizations

The Virtual Library's links to major international NGO's.

<http://www2.etown.edu/vl/ngos.html>

Martindale Hubbell

Profiles of international law firms.

<http://www.martindale.com> (the Martindale web site) or

<http://www.lexis.com/research> (you can also access the Martindale database on Lexis)

The Center for International Legal Studies

Provides information about international summer externship programs and post-JD internships.

<http://www.cils.net>

The Legal 500

Database of law firms in over 60 countries.

<http://www.legal500.com/>

UN Internship Program

Site of information on the UN Headquarters Internship Program.

<http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/sds/internsh/index.htm>

U.S. State Department Internships

Contains information on the State Department Internship Program in the U.S. and abroad.

<http://www.careers.state.gov/>

Yahoo Directory of International Organizations

A comprehensive set of links to the major international organizations.

http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/International_Organizations/