Terms of Reference

Food Security and Nutrition Internship

Division of Resilience and Solutions (Public Health Service and Socio-economic Inclusion Service)

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is offering a full-time internship with the Public Health and Socio-Economic Inclusion Sections of the Division of Resilience and Solutions at UNHCR Geneva.

Established in December 1950, UNHCR is a global organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for asylum seekers, refugees, returnees, internally displaced communities and stateless people. Every year, millions of men, women and children are forced to flee their homes to escape conflict and persecution. UNHCR currently operates in over 130 countries, using its long expertise to protect and care for millions.

**Title**: Food Security and Nutrition Intern

**Duty Station**: Geneva

**Duration**: 6 months

**Contract** **Type**: **Internship**

**Closing** **date for application**:

**Earliest Hire Date**: July 2024

**Target End date:** January 2025

Organizational context

Food Security and Nutrition are critical elements of UNHCR’s support to refugees and other forcibly displaced. Given the complex issues of malnutrition, micronutrient deficiencies and food insecurity the primary goal for the nutrition program is to improve the food security and nutrition situation of refugees, and to reduce the prevalence of all forms of malnutrition amongst refugees, especially to women, young children and other vulnerable groups including people with special needs. UNHCR ensures that international standards are met to protect and correct nutritional status, and minimise avoidable morbidity and mortality and among emergency affected populations while at the same time identifying ways to increase sustainable food security and self-reliance. UNHCR works with partners including governments and NGOs to achieve these objectives and seeks integration of refugees within existing national health systems as much as possible.

Within the Division of Resilience and Solutions (DRS), Food Security and Nutrition are supported by both the Public Health Section and the Socio-Economic Inclusion Section. The Sections collaboratively provide guidance and technical support for UNHCR Regional Bureaus and Country Offices on food and nutrition response in emergencies as well as supporting longer-term plans and partnerships to foster sustainable food security and self-reliance. The Sections are now looking for an intern to support this work.

Benefits of undertaking this internship assignment include:

* The intern will gain practical understanding of UNHCR’s Public Health and Socio-Economic Inclusion work in general and nutrition and food security in particular, and also understand the roles and responsibilities at headquarters, regional and country level;
* Will learn more about the challenges and potential solutions of nutrition and food security at country level in refugee and related humanitarian contexts;
* Will have a greater understanding of the work across sectors to improve nutrition and food security outcomes in refugee contexts.
* Enhance educational experience through practical work assignments

The position

Duties and responsibilities

* Support UNHCR’s contributions to the Global Report on Food Crisis by collecting and organizing nutrition and food security data from UNHCR assessments, attending bi-weekly meetings representing UNHCR and pulling in relevant UNHCR experts to review and contribute to the drafting of the report.
* Contribute to the preparations for the 2023 Global Refugee Forum (GRF), specifically around the Multi-stakeholder pledge on Agriculture, Food Systems and Food Security.
* Support strengthening various partnership collaboration efforts around nutrition and food security.
* Support UNHCR’s inter-Divisional discussions on the use of a UNHCR/WFP Joint Analytical Framework in different contexts.
* Support the Socio-Economic Inclusion and Public Health sections in reporting requirements including assisting in reviewing and collating country and regional level reports for global indicator analysis.
* Keep internal and external communication platforms updated and support knowledge management for the sections.
* Provide administrative support for setting up events/meetings, documenting meetings, and relevant follow up.
* Support the recruitment of Nutrition and Food Security experts by organizing written tests and interviews for shortlisted candidates and managing the database of applicants.
* Assist in other various day-to-day tasks as requested.

Minimum qualifications required

In order to be considered for an internship, candidates must meet the following eligibility criteria:

* Be either a recent graduate (having completed their studies within two years of applying) or a current student in a graduate/undergraduate school programme related to Nutrition, Public Health, and or Food Security, from a university or higher education facility accredited by [IAU/UNESCO](https://whed.net/home.php);
* Excellent written and spoken English required, knowledge of another UN language an asset;
* Have completed at **least two years of undergraduate studies** in a field relevant or of interest to the work of UNHCR.

**NOTE:** An individual whose father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister is a staff member of UNHCR, including a Temporary Appointment holder or a member of the Affiliate Workforce, is not eligible for an internship.

Desirable qualifications and skills

* Degree in Human Nutrition, Public Health, Food Systems or related area
* Prior experience in nutrition, food security programming with humanitarian or development actors is very desirable;
* Food security and nutrition assessment and data management skills;
* Strong analytical skills and understanding and use of nutrition and food security data;
* Excellent written and oral communication skills with strong interpersonal skills;
* Strong organizational skills and attention to detail;
* Ability to work independently when necessary;
* Relevant computer skills (database management, graphic design, social media/communications tools/platforms etc.) an advantage.
* Pro-active team player, easily adaptable to a multi-cultural environment;

Conditions

It is a fulltime role with working hours starting from 9.00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday (40 hours per week). The successful candidate will be assigned to support the team in ***Geneva, Switzerland.***

**Allowance:** Interns who do not receive financial support from an outside party will receive an allowance to partially help to cover the cost of food, local transportation and living expenses.

How to apply

Interested applicants should submit their application through [www.unhcr.org/careers.html](http://www.unhcr.org/careers.html) click on vacancies and search for **JR \_\_\_\_\_\_**.

The UNHCR workforce consists of many diverse nationalities, cultures, languages and opinions. UNHCR seeks to sustain and strengthen this diversity to ensure equal opportunities as well as an inclusive working environment for its entire workforce. Applications are encouraged from all qualified candidates without distinction on grounds of race, colour, sex, national origin, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity.

UNHCR does not charge a fee at any stage of its recruitment process (application, interview, meeting, travelling, processing or training.

We welcome applications from candidates with a refugee or stateless background.