

Law Students Internship Opportunities
World Food Programme, Legal Office
Rome, Italy

The World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian organization and the United Nations frontline agency in the fight against global hunger. The core policies and strategies that govern WFP activities are to provide food aid to save lives in refugee and other emergency situations; to improve the nutrition and quality of life of the most vulnerable people at critical times in their lives; and to help build assets and promote the self-reliance of poor people and communities. (For further information: www.wfp.org)

The Legal Office

Reporting directly to the Executive Director, WFP Legal Office is charged with providing solution-oriented, timely and high-quality legal advice to the Secretariat and the Executive Board of WFP. To that end, the work of the Legal Office includes: ensuring compliance of proposed WFP activities with the internal law of the organization, as well as applicable international law and contractual obligations; ensuring that WFP's rights and assets are protected by appropriate legal safeguards; and representing WFP in litigation and dispute resolution. This work is carried out by a multi-cultural team of attorneys and staff with diverse educational and professional backgrounds.

Internship Opportunity

The Legal Office is providing an opportunity for eligible law students to undertake an internship at WFP Headquarters in Rome, Italy. The Office is divided among three branches:

- Administrative & Employment Law;
- Contractual & Constitutional Law;
- Maritime, Transport & Insurance Law.

Depending upon the needs of the Organization and the interests of the applicants, Legal Interns will work closely with attorneys in one or more of these branches to address the diverse and challenging legal issues confronted by a large international organization with field operations across the globe.

Particular Requirements

Education: Law student with proven interest in international law.

Language:

- Essential: working knowledge (proficiency) of English;
- Desirable: intermediate knowledge of another official WFP language, i.e., Arabic, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, Russian.

Please see WFP website for general information and eligibility criteria:

<http://www.wfp.org/about/vacancies/internship>

Application

To apply, please send curriculum vitae and cover letter to the following e-mail address:

Sacha.Cooper@wfp.org

Applications should include indication of preferred legal field of work and candidate's period of availability.

Successful candidates will be able to commence their internship from February 2011.

For additional information on internship opportunities within the Legal Office, students are welcome to contact Ms Elisa Ronchetti: Elisa.Ronchetti@wfp.org