Global Compact Internship Opportunities

NOTE: When you apply for your UN Global Compact internship on Inspira, please state in your Cover Letter the team(s) you would have a preference for and why.

Responsibilities, scope of work, and exposure to corporate citizenship issues, may vary depending upon the team that an intern chooses to work with. Teams within the Global Compact are as follows:

Global Operations Team: Central to the UN Global Compact - the Global Operations Team supports approximately 70 Global Compact Local Networks (Local Networks) around the world, driving business implementation of the UN Global Compact’s Ten Principles and the Sustainable Development Goals at the national and regional levels. The role of the Global Operations Team is to facilitate the work of Local Networks in the implementation and advancement of the Ten Principles and to create opportunities for multistakeholder engagement and collective action. The team supports day-to-day operations including ongoing communications, project management coordination, convening special events and advancing forward various initiatives that accelerate local implementation of the UN Global Compact’s Ten Principles and the Global Goals.

Programmes: Programmes cover a wide range of corporate sustainability issues across the UN Global Compact’s Ten Principles – Human Rights, Labour, Environment, and Anti-Corruption – and themes as they relate to implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Examples of thematic areas include: climate change, ocean, water, gender equality and women’s empowerment, decent work and supply chains, health, humanitarian action, migration and refugees, peace, justice and strong institutions, to reporting, innovation and sustainable finance. Through a variety of programme delivery mechanisms such as the UN Global Compact Academy, Action Platforms, and the Navigator, Programmes provide the content, tools, and collaborative engagements to help business implement the Ten Principles and mainstream corporate sustainability action in support of broader UN goals. To learn more about programmes, please visit https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/our-work/all.

Communications & Media: The Communications Team leads in transforming the UN Global Compact’s principles and mission into compelling copy and reports that help clearly communicate the case for corporate sustainability. This involves: communicating progress to participants and stakeholders, writing quality publications, composing speeches and talking points, launching global campaigns and pitching media on the values and significance of the UN Global Compact. Interns will assist with these roles, working closely with the Local Networks, Programmes, Participant Relations and Strategic Events teams to convey the impact of the UN Global Compact.

Participant Outreach and Engagement: Support Participants in their sustainability journey. The UN Global Compact is reaching out to new companies across the world who are interested in participating in the initiative. The Participant Engagement team supports these companies on their journey by understanding their business, social and environmental status and directing them to tools, support, training as well as partners and expertise that can help them generate the solutions that will help deliver the UN Sustainable Development goals.
**Marketing:** The UN Global Compact is reaching out to companies globally to join our mission and become a participant of the world's largest sustainability initiative. In the Marketing team under Outreach & Engagement, we support recruitment and retention of participating companies through various Marketing tactics and campaigns. This includes email, digital/web, social media, content creation, print, events and more. We work with teams across the office to build strategy and campaigns for growth and retention of our company participation and engagement.

**Impact Measurement and Reporting:** Work with partners, experts, academia and companies to establish ways of measuring, and measure, the impact that responsible companies are having in the delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Companies are taking bold actions and making important progress towards meeting the Sustainable Development goals. The UN Global Compact is working with partners to track and measure this progress. We are looking for interns with an analytical/statistical background to help us research and measure progress and impact and make continuous progress in this area.

**Government Affairs:** Focus on promoting Government engagement in our programmatic activities and fostering political support from Governments to help advance the mission of the UN Global Compact at the national and global levels, including through coordination of groups of Government donors and supporters that provide advice to the initiative. The team also supports participation of the Compact in intergovernmental fora such as the High-Level Political Forum.

**Strategic Events:** Contribute to the production and execution of UN Global Compact flagship events by assisting with programme support, drafting communications, strategic outreach and general on-site logistics. Interns will work closely with the Chief of Staff, Local Networks, Participant Relations, Programmes and Communications teams to strengthen the brand and showcase the value proposition of the UN Global Compact as the global convener for sustainable business and multi-stakeholder partners.

**Integrity:** Work to uphold the reputation and brand of the UN Global Compact and the UN more broadly by understanding the opportunities and risks of business engagement, working with companies, through dialogue, to help them live up to their commitment to the Ten Principles, and ensuring UN Global Compact policies and practices are aligned with the UN. Given the cross-functional nature of the issues, the Integrity team is consistently working with various colleagues across the office.

**Partnerships & UN Relations:** Support UN Global Compact company participants to find opportunities to work with various UN entities to advance the Global Goals and humanitarian action; work with a wide variety of entities throughout the UN system to promote private sector engagement; develop tools, resources and policy recommendations to enhance the scope and impact of UN-business partnerships.

**Intergovernmental Relations & Africa:** Working with Governments to raise awareness of responsible business practices in the Global South is an important aspect of the work of the UN Global Compact. By applying the UN Global Compact Ten Principles to the top priorities of private sector and Government, the Africa team links the private sector with various stakeholders to build more integrated markets, more resilient societies and achieve lasting and sustainable growth.