

# International Internship Opportunity



## United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Statelessness Section, Geneva, and Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, Melbourne Law School

**Location:** UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva and Peter McMullin Centre, Level 10, 185 Pelham Street, Carlton

**Host Website:** <https://law.unimelb.edu.au/centres/statelessness> and <https://www.unhcr.org/statelessness.html>

**Internship Duration:** 4 months (at least 3 months full time in Geneva)

**Internship Period:** The full time component in Geneva can begin any time from June 2019 and the 1 month full time equivalent to be spent at the Peter McMullin Centre can be negotiated.

**Number of internships available:** 1

**Stipend:** A stipend of AUD \$4500 is included with this internship to support expenses for the 3-month Geneva component of the internship.

### About the Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness

Melbourne Law School's Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness was established in 2018 with the objective of undertaking research, teaching and engagement activities aimed at reducing statelessness and protecting the rights of stateless people in Australia, the Asia Pacific region, and as appropriate more broadly. The focus of the Centre is to develop teaching, research and engagement projects with three major aims:

- To properly understand the scope, scale and reasons for statelessness in order to develop targeted and effective responses to it;
- To work towards reducing and, over time, eliminating statelessness; and
- Until statelessness is eliminated, working to protect the human rights of stateless people within the countries in which they reside.

### About the Statelessness Section, UNHCR (Division of International Protection)

To implement UNHCR's global mandate on statelessness, the Statelessness Section of the Division of International Protection (DIP) serves as the engine driving development of UNHCR policy on statelessness as well as training and guidance tools on statelessness, at both operational and doctrinal levels. Work on statelessness at UNHCR is intensive as UNHCR approaches the mid-way point of the #IBELONG Campaign to End Statelessness within 10 years.

### About the Internship Opportunity

We are seeking a highly motivated intern who has an interest in working in the area of human rights. Previous relevant experience or study (for example in international, human rights and/or refugee law) is highly desirable. In addition, knowledge of another UN language is an asset but not compulsory.

This internship involves a three month full-time placement with the UNHCR Statelessness Section in Geneva. Under the supervision of the full-time staff of the Statelessness Section, the intern will likely undertake the following responsibilities:

- undertake an extended research task to be agreed in consultation with the Statelessness Section upon commencement of the internship;
- assist with preparations in the lead-up to the High-Level Segment on Statelessness in October 2019; and

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- assist with the day-to-day work of the Section (research on domestic and international legal issues relevant to statelessness situations, formulation of law and policy positions, media checks and distribution of relevant press worldwide, arranging and distribution of statelessness related materials, etc.)

At the Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, the intern will work closely with the Centre Research Fellows on a range of projects and programs run by the Centre and the tasks will include:

- Undertaking research on law and policy issues related to statelessness as relevant to current Centre research projects
- Undertaking editorial work with the Centre's new journal, the *Statelessness and Citizenship Review*
- Drafting short articles/items on statelessness to be disseminated through the Centre's communication channels
- Assisting in organising Centre events

## How to apply

Applications should be made by email to [law-statelessness@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:law-statelessness@unimelb.edu.au) by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 5pm**. Please attach the following documents to your email (as one combined PDF):

- Cover letter addressed to: Professor Michelle Foster, Director, Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness  
C/o Melbourne Law School  
The University of Melbourne VIC 3010
- Curriculum Vitae with Transcript and details of two referees (including an MLS academic if possible). The cover letter should address the selection criteria and motivation for applying for this internship.

The successful student may choose whether to enroll into a Legal Internship subject in either the JD or MLM. This internship may be undertaken without enrolment in a subject.