

# Internship at IIMA and VIDES Human Rights Office

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## Who is IIMA?



IIMA is an international organization dedicated full time to the service of young people, especially those who are poor and disadvantaged. IIMA has special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

IIMA is present in **95 countries** across all continents.

### *Mission*

Provide education and formation for children and youth, with particular attention to girls and young women, especially those belonging to poor and marginalized sections of society.

### *Activities*

Provide formal and informal education managing schools worldwide and organize vocational and professional courses.

### *More information*

[www.cgfmanet.org](http://www.cgfmanet.org)



## Who is VIDES?



Founded in 1987, International Volunteers Organization for Women, Education, Development (VIDES) came out from an idea of the Salesian Sisters Institute (IIMA). VIDES is present in 41 Countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and America. IIMA has special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations since 2007.

### *Mission*

Protect and promote human rights through the promotion of young volunteer who can serve at a local and international level.

### *Activities*

Develop projects for underprivileged women, young people and children, support voluntary work for young people, voluntary training camps, international exchanges, European Voluntary Service and Italian Civil Service.

### *More information*

[www.vides.org](http://www.vides.org)



## IIMA and VIDES HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE

### *Site*

IIMA and VIDES Human Rights Office is located in Veyrier, Geneva, since October 2007.

### *Mission*

Create connections between the Institute of IIMA and the Human Rights Mechanisms in order to collaborate, in an effective way, in promoting and defending Human Rights, in particular rights of children, youth and women who live in poverty, at risk and in vulnerable situations.

### *Objectives*

Promote the Right to Education as universal right and participate in the elaboration of educational policies at an international level.

### *Activities*

Participation in the Human Rights Council and Treaty Bodies sessions (CRC, CESCR, CAT, CEDAW CERD), presenting written and oral statement and shadow reports concerning the human rights situation of children.

Collaboration with Special Procedures (Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, adequate housing, Indigenous People, Independent Expert on Haiti, etc) participating in local and international meetings and submitting reports on the concerned issues;

Networking with other NGOs based in Geneva, the Forum of NGOs of catholic inspiration and the Platform of Education.

In less than four years the IIMA and VIDES Human Rights Office realized:

- training courses for FMA and lay volunteers coming from all continents;
- parallel events at Palais des Nations at the United Nations in Geneva;
- monthly newsletter;
- human rights education campaigns worldwide.;
- written and oral statements describing the situation of children and proposing recommendations to improve educational strategies in countries where FMA and VIDES volunteers are present.

### *More information*

<http://iimahumanrights.blogspot.com/>



## INTERNSHIPS AT IIMA AND VIDES HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE

### *Position*

Unpaid internship

### *Job description*

Under the supervision of IIMA and VIDES Main Representative at the United Nations, the interns will be responsible for:

- Assisting the unit with the day-to-day management of relations with the Human Rights Council, Treaties Bodies, NGOs, Forum of NGOs, CCIG, Platform of Education, etc.
- Attending meetings, conferences, seminars, which may involve research work and report-writing;
- Representing the Office at meetings;
- Analysing human rights data obtained from FMA and VIDES volunteers worldwide and writing multilanguage documents on FMA activities in the world;
- Collaborating in the preparation of training courses for IIMA and VIDES Human Rights Defenders on international mechanisms and formal instruments to defend and promote children and women's rights;
- Collaborating in the organization of Parallel Events at the Human Rights Council, focusing on rights of the child;
- Updating daily the IIMA Human Rights Office Blog.

### *Qualifications*

We are looking for candidates that meet the **following mandatory requirements**:

- Student or **Master's degree** in a relevant field (e.g. international relations, international law, international economics, political sciences...).
- An excellent command of both **French and English**, or **English and Spanish**. You will be expected to be able to converse and write in both languages.
- **Age between 21 and 30**.
- Available for **3 months or 6 months**.

Moreover, successful candidates will fulfil the following conditions:

- a manifest interest for Human Rights action, especially right to education;
- a demonstrated interest in international affairs and diplomacy.
- flexibility and ability to assist with a variety of tasks based on the needs of the unit.

### *To apply*

Interested candidates should send their CV in either English or French to:

[secretariatdroitshumains@salesienne.ch](mailto:secretariatdroitshumains@salesienne.ch)

Intern period	Deadline for the receipt of applications
September – December 2012	<b>17 June 2012</b>
January – March 2013	<b>31 October 2012</b>
April – June 2013	<b>20 January 2013</b>