

**UNITED NATIONS
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)
LIAISON OFFICE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS
United Nations Headquarters, New York**

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The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is an international financial institution and a specialized United Nations agency dedicated to eradicating poverty and hunger in rural areas in developing countries. It does so by financing projects and programmes that increase agricultural productivity and raise rural incomes, and by engaging at the local, national and international level in favour policies that enable poor rural people to overcome poverty.

IFAD's Liaison Office with the United Nations supports this effort at the United Nations Headquarters (UNHQ) in New York and offers internships to individuals pursuing a course of studies or practical experience in international development, international relations and policy advocacy. Our internships expose students to a wide range of international development issues, such as smallholder agriculture and rural development, sustainability, climate change, gender equality and women's empowerment, and development finance, among many others.

The Office is currently seeking an intern to work on a four to six-month contract. The selected candidate will be responsible for tracking a portfolio of thematic areas of priority concern to the Office by drafting summary reports of proceedings of meetings, related outcomes and highlighting possible areas for follow up. The intern will also perform research and analysis on political trends more broadly as well as support the Office's engagement and partnership with other organizations, including governments, civil society, foundations and the private sector.

Qualifications

Applicants should be located in New York, NY and ideally be able to work full-time (40 hours per week) Monday through Friday. Interns must have excellent analytical and writing abilities, good interpersonal and communications skills, and a strong interest in international development, particularly agricultural and rural development. Proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office, in particular Word, PowerPoint (effective charts, tables, and diagram-style) and Excel (with the capability to process data and create graphical charts). Interns will be paid the equivalent of an all-inclusive lump sum amount of US\$909 per month, less any payment received from a sponsor (if any). The payment will be pro-rated for periods of less than one month on the basis of 30 days per month.

Outcomes for the Intern

The IFAD Liaison Office with the United Nations internship will afford students and young professionals the opportunity to gain knowledge of policymaking processes and deepen their understanding of policy issues related to rural development and international development finance. Interns will gain familiarity with the workings of a United Nations organization and international financial institution and acquire an understanding of the purpose and functioning of a liaison office. In addition, interns will learn about career possibilities in the field of international development policy and develop their skills and abilities in a highly-specialized policy environment.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit a resume, a brief writing sample (3-5 pages) on a related topic, as well as a cover letter explaining their interest in the internship. Candidates must meet the following criteria reflected on [IFAD's online recruitment system](#). Please e-mail applications to t.renz@ifad.org and i.barbarossa@ifad.org. **No phone calls, please.** Interested candidates should submit applications by 04 March 2022.