RECOMMENDATIONS & REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTERNSHIPS

CIEL (Center for International & Environmental Law)
CIEL requires the extern to have an excellent grasp of reading and writing English. French and/or Spanish are helpful but not required.

GAVI, The Vaccine Alliance
Externs should demonstrate the following: An interest in international law and public health; prior experience working in an international and multicultural environment would be an advantage. Excellent knowledge of English. Working knowledge of French would be an advantage. Interest in transactional work. Excellent written skills. Ability to work well in a team, particularly in a multi-cultural environment.

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria: The Legal Unit
A strong interest in international law and public health; prior experience working in an international and multicultural environment would be an advantage but is not required. Excellent knowledge of English. Working knowledge of Spanish, French, Arabic, Russian or Chinese would be an advantage. Excellent written skills. Ability to work well in a team, particularly in a multi-cultural environment.

ICJ (International Commission of Jurists)
Transnational Law and a human rights law course are required. Knowledge of foreign languages is helpful. Please note that the International Commission of Jurists expects the extern to stay for four months.

IISD (International Institute for Sustainable Development: Investment Program)
There are no formal prerequisites or language requirements. However, a successful candidate for this position should possess the following: Excellent research, writing and organizational skills; Familiarity with international trade, investment, sustainable development, human rights, and international environmental law; • Ability to work independently. The supervisor's position requires frequent travel and it may be that she is out of the office for various periods of time.

IOM (International Organization for Migration: International Migration Law Unit)
IOM will consider up to two interns. The student should have completed a course in international law and a course in human rights law. Thorough knowledge of English mandatory; working knowledge of other languages is an advantage. In addition the following skills and competencies are desired: Self-directed, ability and desire to work with a high degree of autonomy; personal commitment, efficiency, flexibility, drive for results, creative thinking. Ability to analyse and present facts, evidence and precedents, as well as present clear opinions. Ability to work effectively and harmoniously with colleagues from varied cultures and professional backgrounds. Excellent research skills; excellent drafting ability and analytical skills, in particular ability to draft papers in English clearly and concisely; sound communication skills (verbal and written). Familiarity with standard computer packages for word processing, internet research and e-mail communication.
ISHR (International Service for Human Rights)

ISHR will consider up to one Michigan extern. To be considered, applicants should: be motivated to pursue a career in human rights and have a particular interest in the UN human rights system; an excellent standard of written and spoken English; be able to report thoroughly and accurately on the meetings; be flexible, including willingness to cover the evening sessions of some UN meetings; be able to work as a member of a team and willing to participate in a variety of tasks, as required. ISHR will ask a nominated student to complete an application form and a short writing exercise as part of his/her application. A strong background in either international human rights law or politics and knowledge of other languages, in particular French or Spanish, is preferred.

OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: HR Treaties Division (Section I))

Participants in the internship programme are selected from graduate students and holders of graduate level degrees in disciplines related to the work of the United Nations, e.g. International Law, Political Science, History, Social Sciences. Preference will be given to those, within these disciplines, who have specialized in human rights issues. A course in international human rights law is required. Excellent writing skills in English are a prerequisite and advanced knowledge in French and/or Spanish is a strong asset. The applicant should be able to work autonomously but also within a team often under pressure. Demonstrated political judgment and discretion are essential. The selection of the intern shall be subject to regular OHCHR procedures.

OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: Rule of Law and Democracy Unit)

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OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: Petitions & Inquiries Section)

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OHCHR Women’s Human Rights and Gender Unit

UNHR

Students will be required to take a Human Rights course offered by the Law School. In addition, students are asked to participate in online training sessions designed to prepare students specifically for these externships. They will be taught by Eric Richardson in the fall preceding the externship.

UN Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD): Division on Investment/Enterprise (DIAE)
The student must have: Strong legal background, preferably specific knowledge of international economic/investment law; Excellent English drafting skills; Understanding of or interest in the development implications of international investment rule making.
UN Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD): Division on Intl Trade/Commodities (DITC)

The possible intern should have good understanding and research experience in WTO disciplines and practices.

UNICEF (UN Children’s Fund Geneva: Gender and Rights Section)

Knowledge and/or experience in the field of human rights, and particularly children’s rights will be highly valued. Fluency in English is a prerequisite, and knowledge of another UN language, in particular Spanish, would be an asset. While not being a formal requirement, any relevant work experience will of course also be taken into account in the selection of interns.

UNHCR (UN High Commissioner for Refugees): Human Rights Liaison Unit

Interns working with the Human Rights Liaison Unit must have studied transnational law and human rights law. Knowledge and/or experience in the field of refugee law will be highly valued. Fluency in English is a prerequisite, and knowledge of another UN language would be an asset. While not being a formal requirement, any relevant work experience will of course also be taken into account in the selection of interns.

UNHCR (UN High Commissioner for Refugees): Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section

Interns working with PPLA must have a legal background, with knowledge of international law. Ideally interns should be in the final year of a relevant Masters or postgraduate programme or recently have completed such studies. Students taking J.D. degrees should be in their second or third year of study, and have taken an international law course. Having studied international refugee law is an advantage. Fluency in English is required, and knowledge of another UN language (particularly French) would be an asset. While not being a formal requirement, any relevant work experience will of course be taken into account in the selection of interns. The intern should have strong research, analytical and drafting skills.

US Diplomatic Mission to the UN in Geneva

The US Mission will consider up to one student and would prefer a 3L student. A course in international human rights law is required. The externship of the student selected by the US Mission will be dependent upon his or her receiving a security clearance from the Department of State, and will require the student to apply through the centralized US State Department Internship Application process once selected by the University of Michigan selection panel, and given preliminary approval by the US Mission Legal Office. The formal offer of an internship will not be made until after this process is completed, and the student may not receive this final offer until approximately September. It will be important for the student to start this process immediately upon selection by the US Mission.

WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization)

Transnational Law is a prerequisite. No intellectual property law required. French or Spanish would be an asset, but it is not required.