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Dear students,

We are happy to present you with internship positions for the international students at the Porter School. In this brochure, you will find internship positions offered by NGOs.

The internship period will begin in December 2021/ January 2022 and last until June 2022 with a total of about 120 hours and no more than 7.5 hours per week.

Interns from the Department of Environmental Studies will receive a scholarship of 3,000 NIS + 300 NIS travel expenses.

If you are interested in participating in the Internship Program, please review the following positions carefully and identify those you think might fit your background, qualifications, interests, and motivation.

We advise you to explore the organization/company website and strongly consider the organization itself – are you intrigued by their goals and actions? Also, take into account technical and logistical issues – are you able to easily reach the organization's offices (some of which are located outside Tel Aviv) on a regular basis, if necessary? Do you have facilities at home in case the job involves working remotely? In our experience, a successful internship experience relies also on details such as these.

We are planning to hold organizations fair with the participation of representatives from the different organizations on Wednesday, 6th of October between the hours 15:30 to 18:30 at the Porter school. At the fair, you will be able to hear in detail about the different positions.

Please note – in case the Corona restrictions will forbid the gathering, we will have zoom meetings instead, during the month of October.

Those who are interested in applying, (you may apply to a maximum of 3 positions) are requested to fill the online application form **FORM** and attach to it a short CV.

1. In your application, please indicate clearly the reason of why you wish to intern in this position and how your background and qualifications makes you the right person for the job.
2. After the matching process between the applications submitted and the available positions is completed, students will be invited for personal interviews by the relevant organizations.

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Organisations:

EcoPeace Middle East

Engineers Without Borders-Israel

Tel-Avir

The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies

The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD)

The Natural Step Israe (TNS)

EcoPeace Middle East

EcoPeace Middle East is an extraordinary environmental peacebuilding organization of Israelis, Palestinians, and Jordanians. EcoPeace was founded in 1994 to advance sustainable regional development and the conditions for peace by promoting collaboration around shared environmental challenges, especially the need for water. By promoting an understanding that, from an environmental perspective, we are all in the same 'boat', EcoPeace seeks to replace policies that fail to take into account the interdependencies of the shared environment with policies that acknowledge a broader perspective of self-interests, and foster leadership prepared to deepen areas of cooperation and trust even in the midst of conflict.

EcoPeace combines top-down advocacy with bottom-up constituency building. Recognizing that today, governments will look to change policy when they feel pressure from constituencies and citizens and when they know doing so will be received positively from the public, EcoPeace's unique bottom up approach readies the field for regional cooperation. EcoPeace's top-down programs involve research, publication of policy briefs, events and meetings with high-level stakeholders and decision makers, while the bottom-up approach involves engaging local constituencies to call for and lead cross-border solutions to regional water issues.

Internship position title:

Project Support Intern

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

Positions are designed individually based on the needs of the organization and the different locations at the time of application and throughout the internship, taking into consideration the applicants qualifications. Potential areas for an internship include:

Project Support Intern: Education Programs

Working with EcoPeace's regional education team, helps EcoPeace implement environmental and peace-oriented education programs including teacher training, working with young activists, and young professionals on water diplomacy topics. Duties include:

- Curriculum design
- Facilitation of workshops and activities
- Logistical support for upcoming events/ activities
- Coordinating with participants, program staff, and relevant contractors
- Writing and editing of materials
- Translation of materials if proficient in Hebrew
- Administrative support as needed
- English: required. Hebrew: advantage

What you'll gain: Experience in program management, education, environmental peacebuilding, and grassroots activism

Project Support Intern: Investment Programs

Working with EcoPeace's regional investment team, this intern will help EcoPeace develop and support eco-friendly entrepreneurs whose businesses center on the Jordan Valley, while building up the next generation of green social entrepreneurs. Duties include:

- Writing business cases
- Assisting with business development
- Researching funding opportunities in the Middle East and internationally, including conferences, liaising with potential donors, and attending site visits
- Communication with relevant clients and contractors
- Logistics and administrative work where required
- English: required. Other languages: advantage

What you'll gain: Experience in business development, a strong understanding of business cooperation in the Middle East and the impact investment sphere

Project Support Intern: Government Relations

Working with the EcoPeace's Israeli Government Relations Manager, this position involves advocacy and coordination with the Israeli government and media. Duties include:

- Attending meetings, taking minutes and conducting follow up correspondence
- Preparation of materials for meetings and advocacy
- Assisting in social media content development – Hebrew
- Assist in project management and logistics, for upcoming events and activities
- Research
- English and Hebrew writing & editing
- Fluent Hebrew and English required

What you'll gain: Experience in advocacy and policy, communications, working with Israeli politicians and media

Project Support Intern: International Advocacy

Working with EcoPeace's Israeli Director and the Executive Assistant, this position involves coordinating the day-to-day needs for EcoPeace's advocacy. Duties include:

- Logistical support for upcoming events / activities
- Writing and editing of reports, policy papers, and proposals
- Communicating on an ongoing basis with project partners and various supporters of the organization
- Administrative support
- Strong English required

What you'll gain: Experience in advocacy, policy development, research and writing, administration

Development Intern

Working alongside the regional development department to help produce content for both print and social media, this intern will assist with EcoPeace's branding and external communications. Duties include:

- Writing project proposals and reports for EcoPeace's donors
- Coordinating with EcoPeace's regional team to monitor program implementation and outputs
- Analysis of program results
- Development of workplans and project planning
- Developing and maintaining relationships with donors, ongoing communication
- Strong English required

What you'll gain: Experience in fundraising, donor relations, monitoring and evaluation, and nonprofit management

Requirements

Internship in government relations requires Hebrew

For all other positions, Hebrew or Arabic are an advantage, fluent English required

Knowledge of various computer programs an advantage

Interpersonal skills

Knowledge of environmental and peacebuilding issues

Please note:

Duration of Internship

- A 3-month commitment is required with preference given to longer commitments. Applicants should be aware that the standard tourist visa given upon arrival is three months. EcoPeace is unable to assist with visas for internship applicants.
- Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Requirements

- Internship schedules are determined upon availability; at least 2 to 3 days a week are expected.
- Completion of Bachelor's Degree, or in the last year of receiving this degree, or two years of work experience.
- Strong English writing skills, Arabic and/or Hebrew are an advantage.
- Interns are required to supply their own laptop computers (adaptors etc...).
- All interns are required to hold valid health insurance for the duration of their internship.
- CV/Resume.
- Cover letter. Please specify why you are interested in working with us and if there is a preference to a specific office location (Tel Aviv / Ramallah / Amman).
- Letters of recommendation are encouraged, but not required.

Supervision

- Interns will meet with their supervisors weekly. Interns must be self-motivated and able to work independently.

Expenses

- The internship is unpaid, and EcoPeace is unable to cover any travel or living expenses related to the internship program.
- Interns may receive a monthly sum for local work-related public travel expenses within each city.

Examples of projects completed by EcoPeace internships include:

- Environmental Education Handbook for the EcoPark in Jordan available [here](#).
- Best Practices in Domestic Water Demand Management Paper available [here](#).
- EcoPeace's Comments to the World Bank Terms of Reference for the Red Sea – Dead Sea Water Conveyance Project available [here](#).
- EcoPeace interns maintain the organization's blog

Engineers Without Borders- Israel (EWB-IL)

Engineers Without Borders-Israel (EWB-IL) is a nonprofit organization that works to advance the quality of life of communities through the dissemination and integration of academic, technological, and practical knowledge in communities in Israel and in developing countries. The organization is part of an international umbrella organization. EWB-IL projects are based on working in collaboration with local communities, identifying their needs and assisting in the implementation of appropriate technologies to improve their quality of life. The Israeli organization acts as a platform that enables groups of Israeli students and academics to create quality and relevant projects in collaboration with industry and other organizations. The organization supports, initiates and promotes projects through which students can be exposed to the developing world and be partners in making significant contributions in communities in Israel and around the world. EWB-IL currently has projects in Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya, India, Nepal and more.

Internship position title:

- a. Resource development manager: Coordinating resource development field, PR and external relations, partnerships with organizations, fundraising, resources and creating meaningful partnerships and collaborations.
- b. Community manager: engaging the organization's existing members and alumni through ongoing communication and activities throughout the year.

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

- a. Resource development manager: Work in collaboration with the management level of the organization. The internship is based on meetings (in person/zoom) and tours with our Israeli and international partners; motivational meetings with the organization's activists throughout the year. The work demands creativity, ability to stand in front of an audience, creating PR presentations, ability to drive internal processes.
- b. Community manager: Working in collaboration with the organization's management and its graduates. Managing the organization's platforms on social networks.

Requirements

Ability to communicate to diverse audiences and to manage a project at a high level; Knowledge of basic management software; ability to create budgets and Gantt charts. We are looking for a team player; high motivation; Curiosity and interest in working in developing countries.

Tel Avir

We are an English-speaking group in Israel dedicated to creating a local atmosphere to promote social and professional networking and to increase knowledge, awareness, and involvement regarding environmental issues

Internship position title

Green Marketing and Fundraising

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

Three possible projects available, to be chosen in collaboration with the intern. Ñ) Event and Project Management skills: during the internship, the intern will develop a plan for two events and execute them. Ò) Marketing skills: the intern will involve developing the webpage, the Facebook page and developing a newsletter template for our Tel Avir's members Ó) Fundraising skills: The intern will develop fundraising skills by involving them in an ongoing fundraising campaign.

Requirements

Working level English required, experience in community building a plus

The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies

The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies is a leading environmental academic and research institution dedicated to advancing cross-border environmental cooperation in the face of political conflict. The Institute prepares future leaders - Israelis, Palestinians, Jordanians, and other students worldwide - to work cooperatively to solve our time's regional and global challenges, teaching them that nature knows no borders. For over twenty years, the Arava Institute has built trust between adversaries by advancing cross-border environmental research, cooperation, and discourse. Located in the heart of Israel's Arava desert, the Arava Institute is a unique oasis of environmental education, research, and international cooperation.

The Institute undertakes cutting-edge research around transboundary issues and opportunities that intersect with related fields of environmental concern. As the premier institution for multidisciplinary environmental research in the region, the Institute attracts regional and international leaders to work alongside scientists and students. The research departments are divided into self-supporting projects led by a faculty member and supported by a team of research fellows and interns. Students can become involved in a research centre through their independent research projects in a course framework. Research projects are diverse, integrating natural and social sciences to examine a range of environmental issues.

Internship position title

Research Intern – Positive Energy District in Israel and the European Union

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

The Intern will conduct research on Positive Energy District. The internship location is in Tel Aviv. The Intern has to meet weekly with the mentor.

Following the Paris Agreement, the European Union has committed to reducing annual greenhouse gas emissions by 40% and 80% compared to 1990 levels by the years 2030 and 2050 respectively. In this reduction, cities, municipalities could play a crucial role in achieving these energy and climate targets. As the cities consume approximately 60 % of the world's energy supply and are responsible for more than 50 % of global greenhouse gas emissions. As cities become more populated, they face growing challenges such as low air and water quality, insufficient water availability, waste-disposal problems, and high energy consumption. These make the cities more vulnerable to climate change, environmental degradation. Cities with the Positive Energy Districts are essential actors in fighting climate change.

During the Internship, the Positive Energy District's (PED) definition will be mapped among the chosen countries and its role in the urban energy transition. Then national policies and legislation framework of PED will be analysed. Furthermore, we will choose cities as case studies, examine the current PEDs, and expand in these cities with the benefits of the cities' residents.

Requirements

* Working independently * Strong analytical skills, * Capable to achieve the milestones on time * Experience in academic writing.

The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD)

<https://www.interfaithsustain.com/>

The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD, www.interfaithsustain.com), connects religion and ecology and galvanizes faith communities' action and teaching on environmental sustainability. ICSD manifests these goals primarily through four current projects: publication of the Eco Bible; the Faith Inspired Renewable Energy Project; the Interfaith Eco Seminary Engagement Project; and the Los Angeles Faith and Ecology Network.

Internship position title

Social Media Intern on Religion and Ecology

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

The intern will focus on blogging and marketing efforts on religion and ecology, specifically related to the launch and publication of the Eco Bible commentary in November.

The intern will work closely with ICSD's executive director, Rabbi Yonatan Neril, in the work of the internship.

Likely assignments include writing and editing blog posts in English on ecological topics, including climate change, plastic, and biodiversity. The intern will also be assisted by a professional social media advisor based in Canada.

Requirements

Strong proficiency in English, good writing, social media, and/or video editing skills.

The Natural Step Israel (TNS)

Website URL: www.thenaturalstep.co.il

TNS-Israel is a non-profit that promotes strategic sustainability in Israel, using the perspective of innovation and quality. We are a part of an international network that works to promote strategic sustainability since 1989. The Israeli organization was established in 2012.

Our vision is of a healthy, just and happy society that thrives within the natural system's boundaries. Our mission is to catalyze the needed transition towards a sustainable society in Israel by introducing new perspectives and tools that create a leap towards sustainability. We combine robust sustainability principles as well as new methods and models for collaboration around cross sectoral challenges. Our main channels of actions include the Sustainability Transition Lab for collaboration towards sustainability in the food sector; capacity building channel which includes training for high level executives and in-depth workshops, and projects to promote behavior change through positive motivation.

Internship position title:

Research and case study designer

Job description including the type of work and responsibilities:

The intern will work closely with the head of capacity building department and the Sustainability Transition Lab team on research, design and development of materials that will serve both the organization and its target audience.

The Sustainability Transition Lab is our biggest project. It is based on a participatory model in which we focus on a challenge and engage all the relevant stakeholders in order to solve it strategically and create a systemic change. Our current focus areas are reducing food waste and plastic food packaging in Israel. We have established collaborations with many organizations across all sectors. Including governmental ministries, manufacturers, retailers, academic institutions and more.

The intern will have the opportunity to take a part in the Lab process by creating an attractive and insightful case study of a related topic, representing the state of the art of the field. Occasionally, the intern may be involved in organizing one of the organizations' meetups or workshops with partners. The specific topic will be decided upon according to the interns' skills and passion, as well as to the organization's needs. For example, in 2018 our intern has studied food waste reduction in hotel chains around the world. His work serves us for workshops with local chefs and hotel chains. It is useful in paving

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the way towards a relevant policy and solutions that will be eventually applied locally. Other possible tasks, which will be considered based on the student's skills and interest: construction of a newsletter, upgrading of the organizational website (including content development), social media management.

Requirements

Required skills:

- Excellent research skills: ability to sort through large amounts of information, focus on the relevant resources and create relevant insights
- Great writing and editing skills (English)
- Curiosity
- Accuracy and attention to details
- Responsibility
- Self-driven, ability to self-manage, but also a good team worker
- Fluent use of Microsoft office program

The following skills and abilities will be an advantage:

- Graphic design, photography, animation or other artistic skills, including knowledge in relevant programs
- Experience and passion for using social media to spread ideas
- Hebrew

Technical requirements:

- Basic equipment, such as a laptop with Microsoft programs
- Ability to work from home (at least part of the time)