

Global Advocacy Fall 2018 Internship

INTERN: Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict (www.watchlist.org) is seeking an intern to work 15 to 20 hours/week from late August to late December 2018, with the possibility of extension. The position is based in New York. The intern will support Watchlist's Advocacy Program under the supervision of Watchlist's Advocacy Officer.

ORGANIZATION: Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict is an NGO network that monitors and reports on violations against the security and rights of children and adolescents in specific situations of armed conflict. Watchlist uses this information to urge action by the United Nations (UN) Security Council, other UN agencies and appropriate governments. Watchlist also provides support to local NGO partners in areas of conflict to build sustainable, grassroots monitoring, reporting and advocacy networks related to violations against children in armed conflicts (CAC). Watchlist is a fiscally-sponsored project of the Tides Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the nation's largest fiscal sponsor.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist with research and drafting of Watchlist's Children and Armed Conflict (CAC) Monthly Updates that include specific recommendations for action targeted at the UN Security Council and its Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict;
- Monitor Security Council activity and draft weekly briefing memos for the Advocacy Officer;
- Review Security Council documents against Watchlist's recommendations and track mainstreaming successes;
- Provide research and writing support towards drafting of Watchlist's briefing papers on specific policy recommendations directed at the United Nations, including special briefs for the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed conflict ahead of country-specific negotiations;
- Conduct other research into emerging thematic issues of international law and policy related to children and armed conflict as needed;
- Regularly assist with the Advocacy Officer's Twitter account to disseminate information relevant to children and armed conflict and share Watchlist's recommendations for the protection of children;
- Assist in the research and contribution of content to Watchlist's Smartphone App on Children and Armed Conflict.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Graduate student in international relations, politics, international law, human rights or relevant field
- General understanding of the practices and procedures of the UN Security Council and/or General Assembly
- Experience researching and analyzing Security Council resolutions and other UN documents
- Knowledge of international humanitarian law and/or human rights
- Strong interest in issues related to children and armed conflict and human rights advocacy
- Strong research, writing and analytical skills
- A strong self-starter, able to work both in a team as well as independently
- Excellent knowledge of MS Word and Excel

Internships are unpaid, but available for school credit. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until position is filled. Please email your resumé, brief cover letter and writing sample to:

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