



Political-Legal Intern - PAID

The Embassy of Canada to the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Two Positions: September-December 2022, and January-April 2023

The Embassy of Canada to the Kingdom of the Netherlands is seeking to fill the Political-Legal Intern position for two terms, in both September-December 2022 and January-April 2023.

The student will be a key member of the Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Service team at the Embassy of Canada in The Hague. Specifically, the student will be assigned to files relating to: international courts and tribunals based in The Hague (International Criminal Court, International Court of Justice), political and economic developments in the Netherlands, and other bilateral and international relations issues, e.g., human rights, sanctions, cybersecurity, and peace & security. The student will also be asked to contribute to the planning and execution of mission events and visits, including through social media and public diplomacy. Efforts will be made to adapt work around the student's interests and academic and professional goals.

Depending on the COVID-19 situation and health, safety and travel considerations, it is intended that this internship be based in The Hague.

The position will be paid in accordance with Treasury Board guidelines:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/services/pay/rates-pay/student-rates-pay.html>

Specific Duties

Legal Affairs

- Support the Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Service team in participating in multilateral meetings at the International Criminal Court, the International Court of Justice, and other international tribunals, and reporting on discussions, court decisions, and other proceedings
- Research and draft reports on international law issues
- Monitor social and traditional media on issues related to international courts and tribunals,

Political/Economic Affairs

- Support the Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Service team in attending (virtual) meetings and diplomatic briefings at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, international organizations, other Embassies, etc., and report on discussions
- Monitor social and traditional media on Dutch, and Canada-Netherlands issues, and reporting
- Research and draft reports on foreign policy issues of concern

Other (As Needed)

- Contribute to the development of advocacy and outreach strategies in support of Canadian foreign policy priorities
- Draft social media plans and other communications and public diplomacy plans and products
- Support the logistical planning and execution of embassy events and visits
- Assist in the representing the Embassy of Canada at official events in the Netherlands, e.g., WWII commemoration events
- Assist with protocol and administrative demands
- Assist in maintaining section electronic files



Requirements

- Registered as a law student at a Canadian post-secondary institution at the time of the internship
- 30 years of age or younger at the time of the internship (requirement for Dutch work permit, should this internship be in-person)
- Preference will be given to Canadian citizens

Assets

- Experience, training and/or interest in political science, international relations, international law, and economics
- Professional/office-based job experience
- Working-level English/French bilingualism
- Experience planning and executing events
- Experience in public speaking and advocacy
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work independently with little supervision, and experience working as part of a team
- Dutch or German language skills would be useful

During the virtual interview, candidates will be asked to elaborate upon their experience in: network-building, research and reporting, and communications and advocacy. Basic knowledge of international legal issues and the Canada-Netherlands bilateral relationship will also be assessed. Candidates will also be asked to perform a short writing exercise as part of the interview process.

This offer will be conditional on the student acquiring a federal security clearance, a temporary work permit and international travel insurance before the start of the assignment. The Embassy of Canada will assist the student in this process.

Interested students should submit their CV and a cover letter to HAGUEGR@international.gc.ca by 23:59 PST on **FRIDAY 29 July**.