

Job Announcement

Position	Human Rights Defenders Programme Internship
Location	Bangkok, Thailand
Internship Duration	6 months, starting from 4th February 2019
Remuneration	A modest stipend of USD 450 a month
Closing date	21 December 2018, midnight Bangkok Time (UTC+7)
Interview Dates	Week of the 14 January 2019

About the Organisation

The Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) works to promote and protect human rights, including the right to development, through collaboration and cooperation among human rights organisations and defenders in Asia and beyond. FORUM-ASIA is a network of 67 members in 21 countries, as of October 2018, across Asia.

FORUM-ASIA's HRD Programme provides protection for human rights defenders (HRDs) and women human rights defenders (WHRD) at risk in Asia. It seeks to build the capacity of HRDs to utilize preventative protection measures and develop safe and conducive environments to work more effectively and efficiently in response to the risks involved in undertaking their legitimate human rights work. The HRD Programme seeks to raise awareness and enhance the provisions of practical safeguards for HRDs/WHRDs at risk by reducing both actual and perceived threats stemming from their activities.

General Tasks and Activities of Internship:

- Monitoring the human rights defenders situation in Asia;
- Supporting research into human rights issues;
- Assisting in programmatic work including documentation and administrative activities; and
- Assisting in organising or preparing for consultations, campaigns or other events.

Specific Tasks under the Human Rights Defenders (HRD) Programme

- Daily media monitoring of the human rights situation in Asia and issues related to, or affecting, human rights defenders (HRDs);
- Assisting in maintaining a regional database on HRDs at risk in Asia and reporting of monthly statistics about HRDs cases;
- Assisting in drafting online content for FORUM-ASIA's Asian HRDs Portal;
- Assisting with the coordination of translations of the 1998 UN Declaration on HRDs and other important UN document related to HRDs into different Asian languages;
- Assisting in drafting urgent appeals which are sent to relevant UN Special Procedures and other key regional and international mechanisms for the protection of HRDs in Asia;
- Assisting with the implementation of the HRD Programme's project exploring regional HRD protection.
- Assisting HRD Programme team members to research and produce a thematic report on the situation of HRDs in Asia; and
- Providing administrative support to the HRD Programme during a national workshop on the development of an organizational protection mechanism and any other activities.

Qualifications and requirements

Applicants should have:

- A Bachelor's degree or advanced degree in international human rights law, political/social sciences, Asia studies or relevant field;
- Some practical knowledge about international human rights standards, mechanisms and practices;
- Commitment and interest in human rights and social justice issues in the Asian region;
- Self-motivation and ability to work independently;
- Experience in organizing or planning meetings/ conferences or campaigning;
- Strong interpersonal, oral and written communication skills;
- Good command of English and knowledge of South Asian languages is desirable;
- Experience with online communications and databases (graphic design skills would be an asset); and
- The ability to work as a member of a team.

Application Procedures

Interested applicants must submit the following:

Interested applicants are requested to fill in the [Internship Application Form](#) and return it by email together with a **resume** and **cover letter** (both in .pdf files) **explaining why you are interested in the position** to internship@forum-asia.org before **21 December 2018**, midnight Bangkok Time (UTC+7), with subject: **HRD Programme Internship Application_NAME**.

Late applications will not be considered, and only shortlisted candidates will be notified of the outcome of the selection.