



Making the world safer for children by eradicating child abduction, sexual abuse and exploitation.

Legal Research Internship

Thank you for your interest in becoming an intern at the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC). Interns contribute substantially to the work of ICMEC, and ICMEC's staff work closely with interns to make the experience as rewarding as possible.

ICMEC is a private, nonprofit organization, working to make the world safer for children by eradicating child abduction, sexual abuse and exploitation through advocacy, training and collaboration. We strive to:

- **ADVOCATE:** propose changes to laws, treaties and systems based on rigorous research and the latest technology to better protect children worldwide.
- **TRAIN:** provide tools to professionals who interface with children to improve prevention, facilitate treatment for victims and increase the efficacy of the identification and prosecution of people who victimize children.
- **COLLABORATE:** build international networks of professionals across disciplines to anticipate issues, identify gaps and develop cross-cutting solutions.

As the workload of ICMEC continues to grow and resources are stretched, the contributions of interns are extremely important. ICMEC interns who share the same belief in our goals help to make the success stories happen. ICMEC offers full and part-time internships each academic semester. Successful applicants will be highly motivated students with strong problem-solving skills, an interest in growing their knowledge of information technology, and a passion for public interest work.

The Koons Family Institute on International Law & Policy, ICMEC's research arm, conducts and commissions original research into the status of child protection legislation around the world to raise awareness, inform capacity building initiatives, support advocacy efforts for the adoption of new policies and laws, and ultimately, to help make children safer.

The Legal Research Intern will support the Research Coordinator and the Director of The Koons Family Institute. Legal Research Interns will write, edit, and conduct substantive legal and public policy research for a variety of publications, reports, white papers, and other projects. Interns may focus on a variety of topics, including: child pornography, missing children, sex offender registration, child sex trafficking, child sexual abuse, sextortion, and revenge pornography. Interns may also utilize foreign language skills and regional areas of expertise.

What are the requirements for the internship?

The nature of ICMEC's activities require that interns:

- Be available to work 12 to 15 weeks, at least 15 hours per week (20+ hours preferred) during the Fall or Spring semesters;
- Be available to work 8 to 12 weeks, at least 20 hours per week (30+ hours preferred) during the Summer term;
- Undergo initial and periodic background checks; and
- Have completed at least three (3) years of undergraduate studies (working towards a Master's or Juris Doctorate degree strongly preferred).

What about housing and transportation?

ICMEC does not provide housing for interns nor do we provide a stipend to cover living expenses. ICMEC does, however, provide partial reimbursement for public transportation costs associated with commuting to and from work or daily parking fees for days worked on site.

Is the internship paid?

All internships are unpaid, though ICMEC does provide a partial reimbursement for public transportation or parking costs associated with commuting to and from the office. Internships may be granted academic credit (please refer to your school's internship/externship requirements).

How do I apply?

An application form is available on our website (www.icmec.org). You can submit the application form online or download the application form and submit it by mail, fax, or email. In addition, please upload or include a Statement of Purpose or cover letter, résumé, official or unofficial transcripts, and writing sample, and return them to us either online or by mail, fax, or email to the following point of contact:

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Applications must be received by the application deadline:

- August 1 for Fall semester;
- December 1 for Spring semester; or
- March 1 for Summer semester.

Your interest in ICMEC is very much appreciated, and we look forward to helping you have a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

What's next?

You will hear from us as soon as your application has been reviewed, usually within three (3) weeks.