

Permanent Mission of Pakistan to WTO Geneva Internship/Attachment Program

Mission's Profile

The Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the World Trade Organization (WTO) based in Geneva, is an important Commercial and Diplomatic Arm of the Government of Pakistan (GoP), it acts as a direct link between the Government of Pakistan, Ministries, Departments and Agencies in general, Ministry of Commerce in particular and the WTO Secretariat.

The mission is tasked to give technical inputs to the Government of Pakistan Ministries/Departments so that the latter may set its trade related policies according to the varying trends in the multilateral trading system.

Context

A considerable number of young Civil Servants belonging to recognized Cadres and Service groups are studying in UK, Europe, North America and Australia on scholarships from British Britannia Chevening programme, Dutch Technical Assistance and from other number of technical assistance programmes sponsored by GIZ, SIDA, NORAD as well as other development assistance agencies in Europe. Similarly AusAid, Fulbright, and Joint Japan-World Bank Scholarship programme also support Civil Servants for higher education in Australia and USA.

As part of their professional development, Civil Servants are required to do attachments and internships at International Organizations during the scholarships

Pakistan Mission to the WTO in Geneva can provide such young Civil Servants with an opportunity of exposure to multilateral trading systems. They can get hands on experience of issues related to monetary policy and international trade. They can have an opportunity to understand the impacts of international and regional policies on monetary, trade and fiscal policies.

These Officers on return to Pakistan are required to hold positions of Policy Advisors in Provincial and Federal Governments, and exposure to International policy making arena will help them understand international policy dynamics, and how these responsibilities translate into national policies. This will help them gain better sense of constraints on international trade and its potential in our national context.

This would be an invaluable experience for young Civil Servants who are being groomed to work in a globalized world. This opportunity will also help them understand the international expectations when it comes to legal frameworks and the State capability to enforce International obligations.

Upon return to country, this internship experience will hold them in good stead while formulating and advising policies in matters related to trade and economy.

Such internship will also provide the Mission with dependable Civil Servants with world class education to work on different projects and policy papers.

Objectives

The main objectives of the subject internship/Attachment program are as follows

- To give an intern an idea as to what is a multilateral trading system and how a

country's integration with it can be beneficial for national, regional and global development

- To give an intern a taste of the working of the International Organizations, directly dealing with the member Governments
- Building the capacity of an intern regarding technical nature of the work in the Mission and WTO Secretariat

Target Audience

Civil Servants from all the groups/services/cadres coming under the tag of Central Superior Services, presently undergoing Masters or doctoral studies in developed world.

Responsibilities of an Intern

- Providing technical and administrative support to the Mission
- Attending meetings in the WTO with concerned Officers of Pakistan Mission
- Other responsibilities assigned to him/her by the Mission

Selection process

The internship is open all year around on first come first serve basis. Opportunities will be advertised on Pakistan Mission to the WTO website.

An Officer can send a request to the Mission anytime he/she deems appropriate during the course work.

A committee comprising of three members from the Mission: Permanent Representative, DPR and Commercial Counselor/HOC will review the applications

and will select the most suitable candidate for the internship/attachment on basis of statement of purpose and professional CV.

Conditions

- The duration of the Internship will be of 8 weeks maximum. There is no expectancy of employment at the end of the internship.
- Interns are not paid but on voluntary basis. The costs of travel and arrangement, personal insurance and accommodation, as well as living expenses, are the responsibility of the interns.
- Interns are responsible for obtaining the necessary entry visa and arranging their travel to Geneva.
- The Pakistan Mission to the WTO accepts no responsibilities for costs arising from accidents and/or illness incurred during the internship.

Requirements

Applications are to be addressed to the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to WTO, Geneva:

- Professional CV
- Statement of Purpose not more than 500 words

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