



Una Europa

Governance Internships

2025–2026

What do we offer?

- Una Europa internships provide students from our partner universities with the opportunity to gain hands-on professional experience in a vibrant international higher education environment, based at our headquarters in Brussels.
- Working closely with Una Europa's Senior Governance Officer, our Governance Internships provide you with unique insights into European Higher Education and allow you to develop your skills relating to transnational governance and collaboration.
- You will benefit from a full-time, six-month internship beginning in either September 2025 or January 2026 and ending in February 2026 or June 2026, respectively. The internship is a full-time role (38 hours per week) during our normal business hours (Monday–Friday, 9:00–17:00). **Please indicate in your application whether you are applying for the autumn or the winter internship.**
- You will be employed and paid under a Belgian Professional Internship Agreement contract. You may also be eligible for ECTS credits and a mobility grant – contact the relevant office at your university to clarify your eligibility.

Tasks

- Attend the meetings of the Una Europa Student Board and provide assistance, in close cooperation with the Co-chairs and relevant actors
- Support the Una Europa Student Board in monitoring and engaging with alliance activities
- Attend Una Europa operational meetings on behalf of the Student Board
- Represent and support the student viewpoint to the Una Europa Brussels-based team
- Represent and support the Una Europa vzw viewpoint to different stakeholder groups, as relevant
- Undertake specific tasks on behalf of Una Europa vzw, as required

Profile and skills

- Master's student or doctoral candidate currently registered at one of the Una Europa universities
- Excellent verbal and written language proficiency in English; other Una Europa languages an advantage

- Strong interpersonal and intercultural skills
- Ability to work independently and show initiative
- Proactive, collaborative spirit and positive attitude
- Proficiency in social media communications
- Background in student governance and/or representation

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the internship, candidates must be able to prove that they:

1. are registered as a master's or doctoral student at one of the Una Europa universities for the full duration of the contract of the internship; and
2. have the right to work in Belgium for the full duration of the contract of the internship.

Una Europa vzw is not in a position to apply for a work permit for any candidate for the internship position.

Una Europa is committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse environment where everyone feels valued and respected. We welcome applications from individuals with diverse abilities, of any gender, linguistic and cultural background, or minority group.

How to apply

Candidates who wish to apply for the position should submit the following information:

- Application letter, explaining your strengths as a candidate and why you are interested in the position (maximum 2 pages)
- A current CV detailing relevant experience (maximum 2 pages)
- A signed declaration of the right to work in Belgium for the full duration of the contract

Please indicate in your application whether you are applying for the autumn (September 2025–February 2026) or the winter (January 2026–June 2026) internship.

Please submit your application via email with the subject line 'Governance Internship' to jobs@una-europa.eu.

Application deadline: 5 May 2025

Tentative interview date: 19 June 2025

Interviews will take place online via Microsoft Teams.

About Una Europa

Eleven leading European research universities have come together to create a unique alliance – Una Europa. The Una Europa partners are Freie Universität Berlin, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, University College Dublin / An Coláiste Ollscoile Baile Átha Cliath, University of Edinburgh, University of Helsinki / Helsingfors universitet, Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie, Universiteit Leiden, KU Leuven, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, and Universität Zürich. Una Europa aims to draw on our collective strengths to create a truly European inter-university environment: a University of the Future.

Una Europa has been formally established as a non-profit association under Belgian law (asbl/vzw) to ensure the sustainability of the alliance. Our headquarters are based in Brussels. The objectives of the association are inter alia to promote cooperation between the university partners, to create a culture of excellence in education and research, and to contribute to the development of the European Education Area and the European Research Area.

In June 2019, Una Europa was selected by the European Commission to be among the first ‘European Universities’ pilots. The pilot was extended in July 2022 through the Una.Futura project, which is supported by the European Commission through the Erasmus+ Programme’s European Universities Initiative. Serving a community of more than 500,000 students, the alliance co-develops pilots and innovative formats for interdisciplinary, transnational and inclusive education, aimed at supporting future European citizens. We are co-designing challenge-based curricula, problem-oriented and interactive modules, thereby highlighting the inherent link between education, research, and innovation. Our Student Board represents a unified voice for students – bringing together different ideas, perspectives and experiences from across the eleven universities.