



Una Europa Policy Internship

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.

We are offering one full-time (38 hours per week) six-month student internship in Policy in Autumn 2024 (September 2024 – February 2025), based at the Una Europa headquarters in Brussels, during our normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 17:00).

The timing of this internship will allow the successful applicant to experience Brussels at a particularly interesting time in the European Union policy cycle with the new political leadership of the European Commission and Members of the European Parliament taking office, following the European elections in June 2024.

Tasks

- Support the monitoring of relevant European higher education and research & innovation policies, building personal expertise on specific topics.
- Contribute to providing broad external policy expertise and producing briefings for Una Europa leadership and other alliance stakeholders.
- Reinforce collaboration with other European Universities alliances on topics of common interest.
- Attend relevant events, conferences and other external engagements with European higher education and research stakeholders.
- Support on matters related to external funding opportunities.
- Undertake specific tasks on behalf of Una Europa vzw, as required.

Profile and skills

- A student at the master or PhD level - currently registered at one of the eleven Una Europa universities, or a recent graduate from one of the eleven Una Europa universities
- Excellent spoken and written language proficiency in English; other Una Europa languages an advantage
- Strong interpersonal and intercultural skills
- Ability to work independently and to show initiative
- Proactive, team working spirit and positive attitude
- A solid understanding of the European Institutions and the European policy cycle is considered an asset.

What we offer

- An opportunity for international work experience under the framework of a Belgian Professional Internship Agreement. Successful candidates are paid through a BIS contract, and may also be eligible for ECTS credits and an Erasmus+ mobility grant (candidates are invited to make inquiries regarding their eligibility for an Erasmus+ mobility grant with the appropriate office of their local universities).

How to apply

- Candidates who wish to apply for the position should submit the following information:
 1. Application letter, explaining your strengths as a candidate and why you are interested in the position (maximum 2 pages)
 2. A current CV detailing relevant experience (maximum 2 pages)

Please send your application via email with the subject line “Application for Policy Internship” to jobs@una-europa.eu.

Deadline for application: 3 May 2024

Tentative interview date: 3 June 2024

Interviews will take place online via Microsoft Teams.