



INTERNSHIP HONG KONG

ABOUT PILNET

PILnet is a global non-governmental organization that creates opportunities for social change by unlocking law's full potential. With programs in Europe & Eurasia, Asia, and at the global level, PILnet aims to reclaim and reimagine the role of law so that it works for the benefit of all. PILnet builds networks and collaborations of public interest and private sector lawyers who understand how law works when it serves the interests of the privileged and then it uses that knowledge to strengthen civil society and the communities they serve.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Based in Hong Kong and reporting to the Director for Asia and the Global Project Coordinator for Forced Displacement, the intern will support an initiative called *Mobilizing the Global Legal Community to Protect and Find Solutions for Refugees and Others Forcibly Displaced*.

Through the first-ever Global Refugee Forum, PILnet together with other partners (the "Core Group") solicited pledges from the global legal community – including law firms, bar associations, corporations and civil society – to help meet the unmet legal needs of refugees and others forcibly displaced. As a result, 29 law firms, bar associations and corporations have pledged 127,000 *pro bono* hours alongside other commitments to support refugees' access to asylum, and other rights and protections. Over 55 legal and community empowerment organizations also pledged to collaborate in the initiative.

The internship responsibilities include:

- Help to organize related events such as workshops, trainings and roundtables;
- Support the clearinghouse/matching mechanism which connects NGOs in need with law firms which can provide pro bono legal assistance;
- Join coordination calls with partners, UNHCR, law firms among others and ensure these meetings are properly documented;
- Conduct any background research or mapping as required;
- Contribute to narrative project reports for funders and other internal/external purposes;
- Help to compile project updates and newsletters for partners;
- Support data entry and management;
- Other tasks as requested by the Global Project Coordinator and the Director for Asia.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Current undergraduate or postgraduate student in law, political science, international relations, public administration or related field.

- Some work experience, preferably in a legal nonprofit focused on supporting refugees and others forcibly displaced is a plus.
- Fluency in written and spoken English. Spoken and written proficiency in other languages is a plus.
- Strong interest in public interest law, refugee law, social justice and human rights.
- Good organizational and communications skills.
- Proficient in Microsoft Suite (Excel, Outlook, Access, etc.) and Google Apps.

Candidates should ideally be based in Hong Kong but PILnet is open to consider remote internship arrangements and suitable candidates are therefore encouraged to apply. PILnet also strongly encourages candidates with a refugee background to apply for this internship opportunity if they have the necessary work authorization. This position will not be remunerated.

The duration of the internship should ideally be 3-6 months.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Interested candidates should send their applications to recruitment@pilnet.org by 13 February 2022. Interviews would be conducted in February.

Personal data provided by applicants will be used strictly in accordance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.