Solidarity Center (www.solidaritycenter.org)

The Solidarity Center is the largest U.S.-based international worker rights organization helping workers attain safe and healthy workplaces, family-supporting wages, dignity on the job and greater equity at work and in their community. Allied with the AFL-CIO, the Solidarity Center assists workers across the globe as, together, they fight discrimination, exploitation and the systems that entrench poverty—to achieve shared prosperity in the global economy.

The Solidarity Center provides a wide range of education, training, research, legal support and other resources to help build strong and effective trade unions and more just and equitable societies. Our programs—in some 60 countries—focus on human and worker rights, union skills, occupational safety and health, economic literacy, human trafficking, women’s empowerment, and bolstering workers in an increasingly informal economy.

The Solidarity Center is offering internships to students and recent university/college graduates during the summer 2020 in both Washington, DC and abroad. Solidarity Center internships provide a great opportunity to work for social change.

Interns are required to work full-time (35 hours per week), 5 days a week, for a minimum of 10 weeks. Full-time interns will receive a $5,000 stipend during their internship. However, interns are highly encouraged to seek out academic credit or financial support through their university or college to supplement their internship.

Position: Intern, Eastern Europe & Central Asia Regional Department

Location: Washington, DC
Time-period: June-August 2020, full-time (35 hours per week, 5 days a week, 10 weeks)

Position Description: The intern will assist the Europe/Central Asia Regional Department on the following topics:

1. Researching ratification and enforcement of international labor standards in Central and Eastern European and Central Asian states.
2. Attend internal organizational and public meetings in Washington, DC where issues in item 1 are discussed.
3. Draft a wide variety of reports on the above topics. Assist to edit reports written by others.
4. Assist in planning activities that will strengthen application and enforcement of international labor standards throughout the region.
5. Conduct other research projects as directed.
Responsibilities:
- Review and edit portions of reports.
- Carry out research from primary and secondary sources, including internet research.
- Attend and/or assist with meetings, workshops and seminars on relevant topics relating to our work.
- Prepare briefing materials on relevant topics.

Qualifications:
- Demonstrated interest in social justice and worker rights
- Basic academic background knowledge of Europe— the culture, history, and the political, social and economic situation
- Demonstrated excellent writing skills
- Good qualitative and quantitative research skills
- Very good computer skills including word processing and Excel
- Meeting deadlines, working under short deadlines and quick turnaround
- Familiarity with economic development issues and understanding of issues regarding implementation of international development programs
- Good communication and inter-personal skills
- Good judgment and ability to think creatively

Deadline: Applications are being accepted until the position is filled.

To apply: To apply, submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample (3-5 pages) to Solidarity Center Internship Coordinator, Nalishha Mehta, at nmehta@solidaritycenter.org. Please indicate the specific internship you are applying for in your cover letter and submit all documents as attachments to the email. If you are applying for more than one internship, please submit a separate application for each internship. Please no telephone calls. Due to capacity constraints, only short-listed candidates will be contacted.