Internship: Eastern Europe & Central Asia Regional Department

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’s Headquarters in Washington, DC is offering virtual internships to students and recent university/college graduates during the summer 2021 (both undergraduate and graduate). 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 8 weeks. Work will be conducted online from the intern’s resident location. Full-time interns will receive a $4,000 stipend during their internship.

Position: Eastern Europe & Central Asia Regional Department intern

Location: Virtual (from intern’s resident location)

Time-period: June-August 2021, full-time (35 hours per week, 5 days a week, 8 weeks)

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

Responsibilities:
1. Research: Carry out research from primary and secondary sources, including internet research on the following topics:
   a. Gig/precarious work throughout the region
   b. How corruption impacts workers
   c. Other research projects on labor rights in Europe and Central Asia, as needed.
2. Assist SC program officers at HQ to provide support for two new field offices opening in the region.

3. Attend internal organizational and public online forums/roundtables/panel discussions addressing labor rights and related issues relevant to Solidarity Center work. Draft briefings.

4. Assist to review and edit portions of reports under the guidance of department program officers and the Regional Program Director.

5. Assist in planning activities that will strengthen application and enforcement of international labor standards throughout the region.

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
- Ability to meet deadlines, and work under short deadlines and quick turnaround requests
- 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
- Ability to work independently

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 Word or PDF 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.