



## **Frequently asked questions** *being an intern with EHRAC*

### **Do I need a legal background to work at EHRAC?**

No. Only the legal internship requires a Law degree, ideally at post-graduate level, and with some knowledge of the European Convention on Human Rights. However, some legal knowledge may also be useful for the NGO management skills internship, but this is not a requirement.

### **Do I have to be a Russian speaker?**

No. There are two internships in NGO management skills, only one of which is a Russian-speaking role. Both are designed to introduce interns to all areas of how an NGO operates, and combine daily tasks such as processing invoices, booking meeting rooms and taking minutes with specific research or analysis projects, according to the interns' skills and experience. The Russian language intern will have some translation tasks, and may be asked to support the organisation of events based in Russia, or conduct some research in Russian.

Knowledge of Russian is not a requirement for the legal internship.

### **What do interns do after they leave EHRAC?**

Interns go on to do a wide variety of things, from continuing with undergraduate or postgraduate studies, to working in other NGOs and charities. EHRAC is happy to provide references for interns applying for their next job or internship provided they have carried out a minimum number of days at EHRAC.

### **How long do the placements last?**

This NGO skills placement is for minimum of four months and requires a commitment of at least two days a week. These days can be fitted in around other commitments.

The legal internship is usually for one month initially, with the possibility of agreeing an extension for up to a further 2 months.

### **When can I apply?**

You should check under [Current Vacancies](#) for the next round of applications – we do not accept applications on a rolling basis.

### **Is EHRAC a part of Middlesex University?**

EHRAC's offices are located within the University's School of Law, and the director, Philip Leach, is a Professor of Human Rights Law. However, EHRAC operates independently as a research centre and is funded by charitable grants and donations.

### **Does EHRAC pay expenses?**

EHRAC covers the cost of lunch for each full day an intern spends in the EHRAC office (up to £6 per day). We also pay local travel costs (zones 1-6 within London).

**Can EHRAC support my visa application to the UK?**

EHRAC cannot support visa applications, and does not have the resources to take any responsibility to support a candidate's visa application. The only expenses and costs we are able to support are those listed above.

**Can EHRAC provide me with accommodation, or help me find accommodation in London?**

EHRAC is unable to assist interns in finding accommodation in London. The websites <https://www.spareroom.co.uk/> and [www.gumtree.com](http://www.gumtree.com) may help in finding rented accommodation.

**If you have further questions please contact [ehrac@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:ehrac@mdx.ac.uk)**