

WTO Accession Internship Programme

The WTO Accession Internship in the framework of the "China's LDCs and Accessions Programme" was established by the Government of China under the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the WTO in 2011. The China Programme is aimed at strengthening LDCs' participation in the WTO and at assisting acceding LDCs in joining the WTO.

The WTO Accessions Internship Programme, initiated in 2012, aims to help recent graduates and young professionals from least developed countries and developing countries increase their understanding of the WTO and of trade law, international economics and international relations in general. Under the programme, sponsored by the Government of China, five intern positions are available in the Accessions Division on an annual basis. The maximum duration of the internship is 10 months.

To qualify for the programme, interns must be: 1) nationals of LDCs or developing countries that are already WTO Members; or 2) nationals of countries or customs territories engaged in the WTO accession process. Also, eligible candidates must have completed undergraduate studies in a relevant discipline (e.g. economics, law, political science, international relations or in other subjects relevant to the WTO); completed at least 1 year of postgraduate (Masters) studies; and less than 30 years old.

There is a rigorous written and oral selection process which considers a combination of factors, including: 1) candidates' academic background (postgraduate students in economics, law, political science and international relations) and relevance to the WTO; 2) candidates' interest in WTO work; 3) needs of the Secretariat work in WTO accessions; 4) maintaining a geographical balance; and, 5) maintaining a gender balance.

Further information on the programme is available here:

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