Call for Internships at UNESCO Beirut Office

UNESCO Beirut Office is pleased to announce an opportunity for interns to work with its Culture sector. The purpose of the internship is to provide personal and professional development opportunities for potential PHD students and young professionals.

**Domain:** Landscape architecture

**Organizational Unit:** Culture unit at UNESCO Beirut Office

**Project Title:** Development of a Conservation Plan for Rachid Karami International Fairground in Tripoli, Lebanon

**Duty Location:** Beirut, Lebanon

**Deadline for application:** application process is open until December 2020

**Duration:** 3 to 6 months, with possibility of extension

OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POST

**UNESCO Beirut**

UNESCO is a United Nations Specialized Agency with mandate in Education, Culture, the Sciences and Communication and Information. Established in 1961, the UNESCO Office in Beirut functions as the Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States as well as a Cluster Office for Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and the Palestinian Territories. UNESCO Beirut serves as the Representative Office to Lebanon and Syria.

The mission of the Office is to contribute to sustainable development through UNESCO's five fields of competence. The Culture unit’s role is to ensure that culture takes it rightful place in development strategies and processes. The unit supports the Lebanese Government in safeguarding heritage, strengthening creative industries and encouraging cultural pluralism.

**Project Background**

UNESCO Beirut Office intends to develop a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the Rachid Karami International Fairground in Tripoli – Lebanon, following the internationally adopted standards and methodologies adopted by ICOMOS and the Getty Conservation Institute for similar 20th century modern concrete heritage structures. The output of this project is a comprehensive conservation planning document that sets the policy and guidelines for future conservation actions as well as the future development and use of the site.
For that purpose, the UNESCO Beirut Office will be collaborating with a number of local and international experts in modern heritage and its conservation in order to undertake the necessary studies and assessments; such as desk-based study of the archival material, value based assessment and condition assessment of the physical fabric, in addition to some research and testing of original materials and construction techniques. The results of the latter studies shall enable the development of the guiding principles and tools that will inform any future conservation of the place and/or development plan. It should encourage the development of Niemeyer’s ‘Rachid Karami International Fair’ without jeopardizing its overall integrity and high degree of authenticity. Through this pilot project in Lebanon, UNESCO wishes to build and foster capacities of young heritage professionals in the field towards adopting the best international standards.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the overall authority of the Director and under the supervision of the Programme Officer for Culture and the Project Technical Coordinator, the intern should undertake the following tasks, preferably as part of his/her PHD thesis:

- Assist in the collection of data related to the history and evolution of Tripoli’s Fair landscape.
- Study and analyze the changes in the landscape over time. Undertake a comparative study between the originally designed landscape and the current one, especially those related to the park like open areas and water features.
- Assess the importance of the setting and landscape to current and potential users by using a historic landscape approach.
- Contribute to the recommendations for future landscape preservation and/or development and mitigation strategies.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

**EDUCATION**

Applicants must have completed their MA studies in Landscape Architecture.

**LANGUAGES**

Excellent knowledge of written and spoken Arabic and English. Knowledge of French is desirable.

**SKILLS/COMPETENCIES**

- Good English writing skills
- Good command of Word/Power Point
- Good command of AutoCAD
- Ability to work and coordinate with team members to facilitate information flow and complete tasks successfully and on time
- Ability to work in a multicultural environment
- Knowledge of UNESCO/UN work in Lebanon and in the Arab region is a plus.
Candidates with interest in historic landscapes and its preservation will be more welcomed for the role.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Interested candidates should register on UNESCO stage web on: https://en.unesco.org/careers/node/1209

After registration, candidates are kindly requested to send an e-mail with the subject line “Internship Application /Culture sector” to beirut@unesco.org and m.hmeidan@unesco.org, with their CV and cover letter.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview.

*Internships at UNESCO Beirut Office are non-paid.*