

Mercy Global Action at the UN: Intern Job Description

Mercy International Association (MIA) is an organization of the leaders of Mercy Congregations, Institutes, Unions and Federations throughout the world, founded to support the Sisters of Mercy, their associates and colleagues in ministry.

The purpose of the Association is to foster unity of mind and heart among Sisters of Mercy and to increase awareness and experience of their global interdependence; to facilitate collaboration among the Congregations, Institutes and Federations to meet the needs of today and to work for Justice; and to encourage and nurture the flourishing of the Mercy charism within the various cultures of the world.

Mercy Global Action (MGA) is the global justice arm of MIA. It is responsible for addressing Mercy concerns of our day with regard to social, gender, ecological and economic justice and development. Mercy Global Action addresses global justice issues and conducts advocacy at the international level through its Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), Sisters of Mercy, located in New York. This NGO enjoys special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations. The MGA major global issues prioritized for action include environmental degradation and the displacement of persons.

Primary Responsibilities

- Undertake research on the Sisters of Mercy Justice Priority areas
- Be informed and updated about the Sisters of Mercy worldwide ministries and their advocacy at local, regional and global level
- Be informed and updated about the UN System, its processes, programs and activities
- Assist the MIA Global Action Coordinator in monitoring policy developments and UN documents in relation to sustainable development; i.e., water and sanitation, mining, climate change, gender inequality, migration, homelessness, and human trafficking
- Assist with preparations for UN NGO committee meetings and other relevant meetings
- Assist with preparations for MIA Advocacy Workshops and meetings
- Summarize UN and related reports as requested by the MIA Global Action Coordinator
- Assist with developing electronic and print materials for communication, education, policy and advocacy purposes

Requirements

- A commitment to social justice and international development issues
- Knowledge of human rights, sustainability principles, international development policies, and the gendered impacts of development
- An undergraduate degree
- Independent work skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Strong communication and report writing skills
- Strong IT and social media skills
- Language skills-Fluency in Spanish is desirable

General Conditions

- The Intern serves 5 days per week from October 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019.
- This is a volunteer position; a stipend is provided to assist with food, housing and transportation expenses.
- The Intern is based at Mercy Global Action office at the Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York NY 10017.