

CIRCLE U. OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR A POLICY INTERN

1 WHO ARE WE?

Circle U. is **one of the 65 alliances** selected by the European Commission in the framework of the **European University Initiative**. European Universities are **transnational alliances** that will become the universities of the future, promoting European values and identity, and revolutionising the quality and competitiveness of European higher education.

Circle U. consists of **nine equally-committed universities** with a shared dedication to Circle U.'s long-term transformational processes and future. Our Alliance is grounded in **existing and solid partnerships**; however Circle U. represents a considerable shift in our commitment to each other. With **Aarhus Universitet, Univerzitet u Beogradu, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, King's College London, UCLouvain, Universitetet i Oslo, Université Paris Cité, Università di Pisa and Universität Wien**, our alliance aims at establishing an inclusive, research-intensive and interdisciplinary European university where students, staff and partners from civil society, businesses and the public sector can collaborate and jointly develop competencies and solutions for keeping Europe and our planet healthy, peaceful, democratic and prosperous.

Further information about Circle U.: www.circle-u.eu.

2 WHAT DO WE OFFER?

Circle U. is offering a **unique internship opportunity for master students enrolled at or recently graduated from one of our partner universities**. The Policy intern will

- participate in the day-to-day running of Circle U. Office, located in Brussels,
- assist the Secretary General in the strategic management of the alliance,
- assist the Communication Officer in implementing the communication and dissemination strategy of the alliance;
- collaborate with our partner universities as well as our associated partners,
- follow, analyse and report on regional, national and EU policy developments,
- work in an international, diverse and creative environment.

Internship duration will be of 4 to 6 months, starting preferably **from September 2025 (autumn internship) or January 2026 (winter internship)**.

The internship is **not remunerated**. However, the intern **may be supported by the home university with an Erasmus+ traineeship grant** or any similar national, regional or university mobility grant. Your home university will be able to advise on how much financial support is expected to be available. Additionally, the Circle U. Office will **cover costs related to public transport in Brussels and mobile phone plan**.

Please note that **King's College London is currently unable to support applicants** from the UK to this internship opportunity as it no longer has access to funding from the Erasmus+ Programme. For any questions, please contact circle-u@kcl.ac.uk.

3 WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- **Master student, or recent master graduate**¹ from one of our nine partner universities who are eligible for Erasmus+ traineeship grant (or similar national, regional or university mobility grant) at his/her own university
- Master student or recent graduate in **political sciences, European studies, international relations, European or international law, public policy, social sciences** or similar
- Very good verbal and written **command of English**; knowledge of French or any other language used in the alliance will be an asset
- Very good **writing and communication skills**, in both formal and informal settings
- Confident user of **Microsoft Office 365** (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams)
- Good **organizational skills** and capacity to **take initiatives**
- **Knowledge of EU higher education and research policies**, and more specifically in the European Universities initiative
- Good knowledge of the **EU institutions and decision-making processes**
- Ability to **analyse and report on policy documents**
- Interest in working in an **international, diverse and creative environment**

4 DESCRIPTION OF TASKS

- **Support Circle U. office's policy work**, including the European University Initiative, the Union of Skills, the participation in FOREU4ALL, etc.
- **Monitor EU higher education and research policy** developments
- Prepare clear and succinct **briefing papers** on specific EU policy developments
- Participate in **events in Brussels** organized by EU institutions and stakeholders and report to Circle U. Secretary General, President and Management Board members
- Conduct **thematic analysis, research or study**, of relevance for Circle U.

5 HOW TO APPLY?

- Prepare a **CV** (preferably a [Europass CV](#)) and a **one-page motivation letter in English** and apply directly to your home university **by 30 May 2025 for the autumn internship or by 14 November 2025 for the winter internship**. Please indicate in your application whether you are applying for the autumn (from September 2025 on) or the winter (from January 2026 on) internship.
 - Aarhus Universitet: aarhus@circle-u.eu
 - Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin: berlin@circle-u.eu
 - Università di Pisa: circleU.erasmus@unipi.it
 - Universität Wien: vienna@circle-u.eu
 - UCLouvain: infocircleu@uclouvain.be
 - Université Paris Cité: paris@circle-u.eu
 - Universitetet i Oslo: oslo@circle-u.eu
 - University of Belgrade: <https://mobion.bg.ac.rs/erasmus+/before-apply/GMyG7FoK/show>

¹ **Recent graduates** must be selected by their university during their last year of study, and must carry out and complete their traineeship abroad within one year of obtaining their graduation. For those countries where graduates must enrol in obligatory military or civil service after graduation, the period of eligibility for recent graduates will be extended by the duration of that service.

- Each **university will nominate a maximum of three candidates**, while **Circle U. Office will make the final selection** based on the applications received. If necessary, candidates might be invited for a short online interview.
 - As indicated, the applicant shall check eligibility for Erasmus+ traineeship funding or any similar national, regional or university mobility grant at the respective home university.
 - For further information on the internship, you may contact the Circle U. Office (office@circle-u.eu). For further information on the financial support and eligibility, you may contact your home university, as indicated above.
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