INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE 
STUDY OF THE PRESERVATION AND 
RESTORATION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY 

CENTRE INTERNATIONAL D’ETUDES 
POUR LA CONSERVATION ET LA 
RESTAURATION DES BIENS CULTURELS 

INTERNATIONAL TERMS OF REFERENCE

ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) is an intergovernmental organization with headquarters in Rome, Italy. Founded by UNESCO in 1956, it is the only institution of its kind with a worldwide mandate to promote and improve the conservation of all types of cultural heritage through training, information, research, cooperation and advocacy.

The internship programme was launched in 2002 to meet the growing number of young professionals seeking to gain exposure to the activities of an Intergovernmental Organization specifically concerned with the diverse aspects of cultural heritage. Since then over 150 interns from a third of our 136 Member States have carried out an internship and benefitted from the unique opportunity of interacting with staff, research fellows and heritage professionals on subject matters of their interest.

PROGRAMME/PRIORITY AREA/SERVICE: FIRST AID and RESILIENCE for CULTURAL HERITAGE in TIMES of CRISIS


First Aid and Resilience for Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis (FAR) is an ICCROM-led, multi-faceted capacity development initiative. It provides training and tools for all phases of a disaster or conflict i.e., prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Through targeted training and sharing of knowledge, FAR enables communities, cultural heritage professionals, humanitarians, disaster risk reduction specialists and emergency responders to work together and reduce risks of damage and destruction for tangible and intangible heritage. The initiative empowers communities to participate in their own cultural recovery, enhancing their resilience. It underscores coordination with the existing emergency management and humanitarian aid systems.

A strong and evolving component of the programme addresses disaster resilience which aims at risk reduction by enhancing cooperation and coordination between cultural heritage, disaster risk management, climate change adaptation and development sectors. The targeted activities for disaster resilience will include developing community based tools for vulnerability and capacity assessment (VCA), providing guidance and advice to Member State institutions for formulating national policies and preparing Disaster Risk Management plans for various types of heritage sites and institutions.

Topics for which the programme seeks interns include but may not be limited to:

disaster resilience for heritage and associated communities, climate change adaptation and traditional knowledge, heritage for peace and resilience. Get to know the past activities of this programme by clicking on the link above.
Under the supervision of a staff member, the intern is called upon to provide assistance aimed at enhancing the overall activities of the chosen Programme/Project/Service. More specifically the intern may be allocated one or a combination of the following tasks. Tasks will be allocated on the basis of professional background, previous experience, specific interests as well as competencies:

1. Research of the available online content as well as material in ICCROM’s library to prepare learning materials or develop programme related activities.

2. Assist in the preparation of promotional materials or articles for the web or posts for social media.

3. When required, assist in the preparation for training events or other relevant activities.

4. In consultation with the supervisor contribute to a paper, article, knowledge note or publication.

5. When necessary participate in relevant meetings.

Please kindly note that the above terms of reference are solely indicative of the type of tasks that could be entrusted to the intern. These are subject to being modified or could remain unvaried based on the needs of the programme/project/service at the time of the internship.