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

INTERNSHIP 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.


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 shall contribute to:

1. World Heritage Advisory Services

Assist in the implementation of ICCROM’s role as a World Heritage Advisory Body on issues such as state of conservation, reactive monitoring, Capacity Building strategy, World Heritage policies and working methods.

2. Effective management of World Heritage

Through understanding the heritage values and the association of people, contribute to the development of capacity building activities aimed at improving the heritage management system and processes at different levels, and assist in developing and improving toolkits for management effectiveness assessment.

3. Integrating Resilience thinking in the Management of World Heritage properties through disaster risk management and climate action.

4. Preparing for change: Impact Assessment

Contribute to the implementation of sound impact assessment processes and practice work for managing change and continuity at World Heritage properties facing pressures of development and change.
5. People-centred approaches and governance

Contributing to developing strategic policies and actions for identifying the role and benefits of people-centred approaches for managing and conserving heritage, working through the governance arrangements of WH properties.

6. Nature-culture linkages

Promoting and implementing practices of linking nature and culture in heritage management to aide in identifying context, connectivity, factors and interdisciplinary actions across society.

7. Networks and learning sites

Contribute in linking diverse networks of sites and practitioners linked within the larger network of World Heritage, with a view of maintaining the relevance of policy work to on-the-ground realities and promoting peer-learning through each other.

8. Heritage interpretation and presentation

Collaborate with developing policies and actions to understand and develop the importance of heritage interpretation and presentation as an integral part of the heritage management.

9. Role and function of the intern

The intern will participate and assist in relevant programme meetings, courses, workshops and seminars related to World Heritage and capacity building; assist in research and analysis of thematic areas; collaborate in producing promotional materials, graphics, articles etc. for the web, media and general public.

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.