

Human Rights Defenders Programme Internship Announcement

Position	Human Rights Defenders Programme Intern
Location	Remote in Asia
Internship Duration	6 months, starting January 2023
Remuneration	A modest stipend of USD 450 a month
Closing date	8 January 2023, 11.59 PM Bangkok Time (UTC+7)
Interview Dates	Third week of January 2023
About the Organisation	
<p>The Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) is a membership-based regional human rights organisation founded in 1991 with the mission to promote and protect all human rights, including the right to development, through collaboration and cooperation between human rights defenders and organisations in Asia.</p> <p>At present, it has 85 member organisations across 23 countries in Asia working on a wide range of issues related to human rights, democracy, and development in their respective countries. Its regional Secretariat is located in Bangkok, Thailand, and has offices in Jakarta, Geneva, and Kathmandu.</p> <p>FORUM-ASIA is committed to building a peaceful, just, equitable and ecologically sustainable community of peoples and societies in Asia where all human rights of all individuals, groups and peoples—in particular, the poor, marginalised and discriminated peoples—are fully respected and realised in accordance with internationally accepted human rights norms and standards. It advocates human rights issues through engagement with governments, inter-governmental organisations and the United Nations for the better promotion and protection of all human rights.</p> <p>FORUM-ASIA has special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and a consultative relationship with the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR).</p>	
Summary of the Programme	
<p>FORUM-ASIA's HRD Programme provides protection for human rights defenders (HRDs) and women human rights defenders (WHRD) at risk in Asia. It seeks to build the capacity of HRDs to utilize preventative protection measures and develop safe and conducive environments to work more effectively and efficiently in response to the risks involved in undertaking their legitimate human rights work. The HRD Programme seeks to raise awareness and enhance the provisions of practical safeguards for HRDs/WHRDs at risk by reducing both actual and perceived threats stemming from their activities.</p>	
Roles and Responsibilities	
<p>General Tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting in monitoring the human rights defenders situation in Asia; • Supporting HRD Programme's research on human rights issues; • Assisting in programmatic work including documentation and administrative activities; and • Assisting in organising or preparing for consultations, campaigns or other events. <p>Specific Tasks under the Human Rights Defenders (HRD) Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily monitoring of the human rights situation in Asia and issues related to, or affecting, human rights defenders (HRDs); • Assisting in maintaining a regional database on HRDs at risk in Asia and reporting of monthly statistics about HRDs cases; • Assisting in improving the FORUM-ASIA's Asian HRDs Portal; 	

- Assisting in drafting urgent appeals which are sent to relevant UN Special Procedures and other key regional and international mechanisms for the protection of HRDs in Asia;
- Assisting with the implementation of the HRD Programme’s projects, including the preparation for Asian Regional Human Rights Defenders Forum (AHRDF).
- Assisting HRD Programme team members to research and produce a thematic report, as applicable; and
- Providing administrative support to the HRD Programme on capacity building activities as applicable.

Qualifications and Criteria

- Bachelor’s degree or higher in the relevant field of human rights, social science, or law.
- Practical knowledge about international human rights standards, mechanisms and practices;
- Commitment and interest in human rights and social justice issues in the Asian region;
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural context;
- Good organisation and time management skills;
- Ability to work independently;
- Good communication and writing skills in English and one Asian language;
- Adaptable in using online & digital tools, including cloud, database management systems, and others; and
- Experience in monitoring and database management is a plus.

Application Procedures

Applicants should fill in the [Internship Application Form](#) and return the form by email together with a resume and cover letter (both in .pdf files) explaining why you are interested in the position to internship@forum-asia.org **before 8 January 2023, 11.59PM Bangkok Time (UTC+7)**, with subject: Human Rights Defenders Programme Internship Application_NAME (e.g. Human Rights Defenders Programme Internship Application_John Doe).

Late applications will not be considered. Only successful candidates will be notified of the outcome of the selection.