**Young Innovators Internship Program**

**in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (YIIP-EECA)**

## Shaping today’s innovators, developing tomorrow’s leaders!

***Do you have the drive to lead change to achieve rights and choices for all, and want to develop your skill sets to do so?***

***Do you want to advocate for the mandate of UNFPA in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region?***

**Background:**

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has the mission to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every child birth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

In line with the United Nations’ Youth Strategy which calls on all UN agencies to ***“increase impact and expand global, regional and country-level action to address the needs, build the agency, and advance the rights of young people in all their diversity”*,** UNFPA EECA Regional Office launched Young Innovators Internship Program - Eastern Europe and Central Asia (YIIP - EECA).

# Eligibility:

## Do you have a passion to make a difference in Eastern Europe and Central Asia Region? Are you a student and enrolled in an advanced degree programme or have recently graduated?

If yes, then the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) invites you to apply for **Young Innovators Internship Program in Eastern Europe and Central Asia**! The *YIIP-EECA* is a 3-6 months program designed to provide experience to young people within the UN system by empowering them on UNFPA’s areas of interest, while providing the Interns with opportunities for professional development and training.

# Interested persons must:

* Be enrolled in an advanced degree programme or have recently graduated;
* Have written and spoken proficiency in English; fluency in Russian is an asset.
* Demonstrate interest and dedication to development issues established through either volunteer experience, work experience, affiliations with a youth network or NGO, in areas of UNFPA’s mandate. (see [http://www.unfpa.org/about-us)](https://eeca.unfpa.org/en)
* Demonstrate commitment to human rights and the principles of leaving no one behind (LNOB).
* Commit at least 3-6 months for UNFPA YIIP-EECA Internship Program
* Be proactive and possess strong inter-personal skills

# Selection Process:

Selection will be based on demonstrated activism or interest in the advancement of the UNFPA’s mandate. The applicants are encouraged to explain how the program will benefit their own efforts for advancing human rights as defined by UNFPA’s mandate.

UNFPA is committed to achieving diversity within its workforce, and encourages all qualified candidates, irrespective to gender, nationality, disabilities, sexual orientation, culture, religious and ethnic backgrounds to apply. All applicants will be treated in the strictest confidence.

**Application Process:**

Interested applicants should submit their applications [here](https://erecruit.partneragencies.org/psc/UNDPP1HRE/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&JobOpeningId=35919&SiteId=1&PostingSeq=1). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted, and invited for further interviews/assessments.

## The YIIP-EECA Interns are expected to work full-time during 3-6 months with the UNFPA EECA Regional Office in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Financial Aspects:**

Interns receive a stipend to help cover basic daily expenses related to the internship, if not financially supported by any institution or programme, such as a university, government, foundation, or scholarship programme. The amount of the stipend varies according to the duty station. In addition, applicants must have medical insurance for the duration of the internship. Proof of insurance will need to be submitted before the internship begins. UNFPA does not provide medical insurance for interns.

**Closing Date:** The internship roster\* is open until 31 December 2021.

\*The Rosters are a call for applications for future function-specific opportunities, determined by emerging needs. Rosters are not linked to a current vacancy. The hiring units will recruit  from a pool of rosterees who have expressed interest.