

Internship opportunities on Legal/Policy Analysis

International Investment Governance Unit in the OECD Investment Division *(from January 2026)*

In short

The International Investment Governance Unit (IIGU) in the OECD Investment Division is looking for several interns to contribute to legal/policy research and analysis in the area of international investment, starting in January 2026.

Context

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ([OECD](#)) is an international organisation comprised of 38 member countries, that works to build better policies for better lives. Our mission is to promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. Together with governments, policy makers and citizens, we work on establishing evidence-based international standards, and finding solutions to a range of social, economic and environmental challenges. From improving economic performance and creating jobs to fostering strong education and fighting international tax evasion, we provide a unique forum and knowledge hub for data and analysis, exchange of experiences, best-practice sharing, and advice on public policies and international standard-setting.

The OECD has earned a leading role in financial and enterprise issues. In line with the Strategic Orientations of the Secretary-General, the core mission of the OECD's Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs ([DAF](#)) is to assist markets to fund inclusive economic growth, and in turn Better Lives, through setting and implementing standards, providing capacity building and technical assistance, acting as a forum for co-operation and collaboration across the OECD Directorates, external stakeholders and International Organisations. DAF's mission is pursued through five substantive divisions whose teams provide member and partner countries with policy guidance, analysis and support in the areas of competition, anti-corruption, capital markets and financial institutions, international investment and responsible business conduct.

The Investment Division ([INV](#)) is responsible for advising OECD Member and partner governments on international investment law and policy, investment treaties, investment for sustainable development, and foreign direct investment statistics.

Within the Investment Division, the IIGU supports the international investment policy community with analysis and evidence to design and implement policies on investment treaties (see: <https://oe.cd/foit2>) and those that respond to security concerns associated with foreign investment (<https://oe.cd/6d3>).

The IIGU in the Investment Division is looking for several interns to carry out analysis on international investment law and policy to support this task. The IIGU is seeking candidates that display a strong knowledge of international investment-related issues, especially those related to investment treaties and investment policies related to national security; have a strong track record of academic achievement; and are motivated to work in a diverse and multicultural team. The selected candidates will work under the supervision of Policy/Legal Analysts in coordination with the Head of the IIGU.

Selected candidates will contribute to one of two workstreams:

Workstream 1 – Investment treaties

The chosen candidate is expected to contribute to ongoing projects within this workstream by:

- Carrying out research and analysis relating to investment treaties, investment treaty policies and the use and interpretation of investment treaties, for the preparation of working papers and other research notes.
- Collecting and processing data pertinent to investment treaties and more specifically to the designs of substantive standards of protection.
- Carrying out research and analysis in the field of public international law, including in relation to instruments, tools and mechanisms available to clarify and/or modify existing international investment agreements.
- Contributing to meetings in relation to the workstream and supporting the team in preparing documentation for and resulting from such meetings.

Workstream 2 – Investment screening mechanisms and other policies to safeguard national security interests

The chosen candidate is expected to contribute to ongoing projects within this workstream by:

- Researching legislation and data on investment screening mechanisms and other investment policies to safeguard national security interests and their implementation in OECD member countries and beyond.
- Analysing complex legal and institutional arrangements for investment policies to safeguard national security interests and their interactions with economic parameters.
- Collecting and processing data related to the policy area and preparing compelling presentations of these data.
- Drafting summaries of research in different formats and for different audiences.
- Contributing to meetings and workshops in relation to the workstream.

Candidate Profile

Academic and professional background

- Master's student in international economic law, economic law, international relations or related fields.

Languages

- Excellent command of one of the two official languages of the OECD (English and French). Working knowledge of, or willingness to learn the other would be an asset.

Key Competencies

- Expertise and/or knowledge of public international law, international investment law and investment treaty law; command of comparative legal analysis methods is an asset.
- Genuine interest in the geopolitics of international investment and general geoeconomic issues and/or investment treaties.

- Experience in handling micro-data and the use of econometric techniques for empirical analysis to address policy issues in a multidisciplinary context is an asset.
- Diplomatic sensitivity.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills, and the ability to work effectively in a multicultural team.
- Excellent writing skills in English.
- Critical thinking and analytical rigour.
- Ability to work autonomously.

Eligibility

- **Primarily allocated to [OECD member country nationals](#).**
- You will need to be **enrolled as a student in a full-time and degree-awarding programme for the full duration of the internship** in a field or discipline related to the work of the OECD.

Type of contract and duration

- The internships start dates are foreseen in January 2026.
- Expected duration of the internship would be of at least 3 months, with a preference for a longer period (e.g., 6 months).
- Full-time basis (40 hours a week) preferred, but part-time arrangements of at least 60% possible.
- **Preferably based in the OECD office in Paris**, but an option to work remotely during some of that time could be considered depending on profiles, qualifications, and circumstances.
- The OECD grants a contribution to living expenses of EUR 1,000 per calendar month worked full-time. For more information on the OECD Internship Programme, please visit the OECD [website](#).

Application

If you are eligible and your profile meets the above criteria, please:

1. **Fill out the generic OECD internship programme application [here](#).**
2. Send, in parallel, your CV and a cover letter to anne-charlotte.cervello@oecd.org, faraz.moosa@oecd.org, bianca.nalbandian@oecd.org and sophie.bohnert@oecd.org by **15 November 2025**. Please start the subject line of your e-mail with “Internship Application” and include your full name as well as **the workstream to which you are applying (or both if that is the case)**.

Applications may be considered on a rolling basis.