



Overseas Countries and Territories Association
OCTA
Traineeship Program

Why it is an opportunity for you?

OCTA trainees will have the opportunity to contribute to the development of the Association. They will help in the day to day basis of the work carried out by the Executive Team and its Secretariat. It will be the opportunity to put academic theory into practice.

What will you do?

A trainee will contribute by attending and organising meetings, workshops or other type of events. (S)he will be able to support the work of OCTA in researching, drafting and editing such as reports; as well as supporting in the management of projects. The trainee will provide assistance with all the communication support (social media, website, etc.).

What do we expect from you?

A trainee will have an open-minded approach to OCTs and European issues. It is key to be interested in international politics (including among others Energy, Environment, Fisheries, Agriculture etc.). (S)he will be working in a multicultural context together with a proactive team.

What are we looking for?

The traineeship is open to young professionals and young graduates from the OCTs members of the Association. Each candidate needs to be supported by the OCT from which (s)he belongs, candidates need to come through the OCTs members of the Association.

The trainee we look forward is a young dynamic person fluent in English (Proficiency in French, Dutch or Danish will be strong assets). (S)he will have carried out studies in the field of Communications, Law, Economics, Engineering or any related field linked to the OCTs. Some working experience in a company or organization (NGO, Government, etc.) will be desirable.

Traineeship compensation package.

Living allowance: The living allowance for the traineeship sessions in 2020 will be €1,000.00 per month.

Duration of the traineeship: 02/03/2020 to 30/06/2020.

Insurance: will be reimbursed.

Travel expenses: one flight ticket (Economy Class) from and to your home address are covered at the beginning and end of the traineeship.

If you are interested in the traineeship program please send us your CV, Motivation letter and a recommendation letter from a representative to OCTA¹ from your OCT to Pablo Lopez-Herrerias at pablo@overseas-association.eu before February 10, 2020. Visit us at www.octassociation.org.

Selection process will end by February 15, 2020.

Start of the first internship period: March 1, 2020.

¹ Please contact info@overseas-association.eu for the name of the representative in your OCT.



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Background information

Structure and mission

OCTA is registered as a non-profit organization in Belgium and has 22 members – including inhabited OCTs and TAAF (French Southern and Atlantic Lands). Its highest decision-making authority is the Ministerial Conference which consists of the representatives (Political Heads of Government or delegates) of each member Government.

The Ministerial Conference meets annually and sets the political orientations and priorities of the association. It appoints a rotating Chairman who heads the organization until the next meeting, and elects an Executive Committee (ExCo) whose task is to manage the daily operations of the association.

Vision

For all Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) of the European Union (EU) to be on a path of sustainable development, whilst projecting our natural environment, by promoting economic and human development through cooperation with the EU as well as with regional and global partners.

Mission

Working collectively through the promotion of common positions and partnerships for the sustainable development of OCTs by cooperation, capacity building and communication.

Strategic objectives

- To consolidate and reinforce solidarity between OCTs and EU stakeholders
- To make recommendations and carry out various projects/programmes to enhance opportunities, comparative advantage and natural assets in order to strengthen the position of OCTs at regional and global levels
- To promote cooperation and develop a knowledge centre and thematic networks in order to consolidate ownership and provide a point of reference for creating and disseminating valuable information on the relationship between the EU and the OCTs
- To create a framework to engage the private sector, academia and civil society
- To enhance the profile, the reputation and position of the OCTs