

Internship opportunity – Belgian Embassy in Abuja (Nigeria)

The Belgian Embassy in Abuja is seeking an **enthusiastic and motivated intern** to support the work of its **Political & Economic Section**. This internship offers concrete exposure to the day-to-day running of a Belgian diplomatic mission and provides the opportunity to gain practical experience in the fields of political and economic monitoring, public diplomacy, communications and event organisation.

Located in the heart of Nigeria's federal capital, the Embassy monitors political, economic and societal developments in Africa's most populous country, as well as the regional dynamics influencing West Africa. The internship therefore offers the opportunity to develop an in-depth understanding of the diplomatic, economic and geopolitical issues facing the region within a particularly stimulating international environment.

The internship is **unpaid** and must form part of a **Master's programme or a postgraduate course**. A certificate from the higher education institution confirming student status for the entire duration of the internship will be required. The minimum duration of the internship is **three months**, with the start and end dates being flexible and to be agreed with the Embassy.

The costs of travel, visas, accommodation, insurance and living expenses in Nigeria are entirely the responsibility of the intern.

Main duties

Under the supervision of the Political & Economic Section, the intern will be required to:

- monitor political, economic and social developments in Nigeria and West Africa, and draft brief summaries and analytical notes;
- conduct research on topics of interest to Belgium and contribute to the drafting of political and economic reports;
- attend internal and external meetings, conferences, seminars and events, and draft short reports on them;
- represent the Embassy, where appropriate, at events organised by international organisations, local partners or other diplomatic missions;
- contribute to the preparation and coordination of public, cultural and economic diplomacy activities, as well as to the organisation of official visits, economic missions and Embassy events;
- contribute to the Embassy's external communications, notably via LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and other digital channels;
- create and design visual and digital content using tools such as Canva;
- provide administrative and logistical support for the Embassy's various activities where required;
- assist the Ambassador and staff members in the implementation of specific projects and initiatives.

Desired profile

Candidates must:

- be enrolled on a Master's or higher-level programme in a relevant field (international relations, political science, law, economics, communication, African studies or related disciplines);
- have an excellent command of English;
- have a good knowledge of at least one of Belgium's national languages (French or Dutch); knowledge of both is an advantage;
- possess excellent writing, research, analytical and organisational skills;
- demonstrate independence, intellectual curiosity and a keen interest in international relations and African issues;
- be comfortable using social media; experience in digital content creation, graphic design or video editing is an advantage.

Application

Applications must be submitted via the [eStage](#) platform and must include the following documents: We encourage motivated students wishing to discover Belgian diplomatic work in one of the most influential countries on the African continent to submit their application.

- a curriculum vitae;
- a personalised cover letter stating the preferred internship period and the reasons for your interest in the Belgian Embassy in Abuja;
- a certificate of enrolment or a certificate from your university confirming your student status for the entire duration of the internship.