

Internship – Office of the Political Advisor (POLAD)

Primary Location: Brunssum, the Netherlands

NATO Body: Headquarters Joint Force Command (HQ JFC) Brunssum

Office: Political Advisor (POLAD)

Schedule: Full-time

Closing date: 23 April 2025

Description:

As an intern in the Office of the Political Advisor (POLAD) at HQ JFC Brunssum you will help to monitor, analyze and assess the international security issues relevant to the JFC's responsibilities. Part of that will be to ensure that the military focused work of the HQ is connected with the political context in which NATO operates. As such, you will be tasked with clarifying and analyzing the relevant political drivers and factors, and in this way contribute to the work of the HQ. In your time at JFC Brunssum, you will have the unique opportunity to work on classified projects and join a team of world-class experts.

About the internship:

During this 6 months programme starting 2 February 2026 until 31 July 2026, you will join the Office of the POLAD where you will be tasked with some of the following activities:

- conducting pertinent political and economic analysis on foreign policy and international security issues;
- delivering written and oral briefings on political issues and events that affect the HQ;
- producing and assisting in the drafting of policy papers on those issues;
- representing the POLAD at internal HQ meetings.

The intern must:

- hold a **Bachelor's degree in the field of Public Policy, Political Affairs, International Relations/Security Studies or similar;**
- for the whole period of the internship be enrolled in a **Master's study in the field of Public Policy, Political Affairs International Relations/Security Studies or similar;**

- have good analytical skills;
- be able to produce policy papers in a timely manner;
- have a strong grasp of, and interest in, current events related to world politics and international security;
- be able to effectively plan and organize.

In addition, we are looking for candidates ideally having the following desirable skills:

- Strong computer skills (e.g. ECDL) including use of Microsoft Office package.

Stipend:

You will be compensated at a fixed taxable rate of € 1424.59 (2025 rates), per month based on 37.5 hours internship work hours per week.

We will also compensate you for travel costs to/from your university to HQ JFC Brunssum (within set cap rates).

Interns will be entitled to 2 days of leave for each full month (of 37.5 hours a week) of internship.

How to apply:

Complete the application form in the NATO Talent Acquisition Platform (NTAP) using the following link:

<https://nato.taleo.net/careersection/5/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en>

In the NTAP internship list, please select the HQ JFC Brunssum Office of the Political Advisor internship opportunity and apply.

Add a motivation letter and CV/Resume as mandatory attachments to the application in NTAP. This one page essay should include the student's motivation for an internship at NATO / HQ JFC Brunssum, the student's expectations and objectives.

Please note that only candidates fulfilling **all** eligibility criteria will be taken into consideration.

Please visit <https://jfcbs.nato.int/contact> for more information on internship criteria and requirements.