

Cote d'Ivoire has 5 summer internships available for Harvard graduate students with the Regional Council of La Me. Please review the descriptions below. All internships will commence at the end of May or in early June 2024 and will be a minimum of 8 weeks. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2024.

1. Industrial Park Development — Cote d'Ivoire

Cote d'Ivoire is looking to develop industrial parks in strategic regions with the objective of driving economic growth and creating jobs. As part of this initiative, a pilot industrial park will be created in la Mé region and will cover 50 Ha. The future intern will support la Mé Regional Council in the development of the pilot project and will interact with a variety of stakeholders incl. the Ministry of Industry. Based on the pilot's outcomes, 400 Ha are expected to be developed in a subsequent phase.

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a master's degree program.
- Interest in economic development, industrialization, and investment promotion in emerging markets.
- Strong analytical skills with the capacity to problem solving within complex environments.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to collaborate with diverse stakeholders.
- Entrepreneurial and proactive attitude.
- Proficiency in French is a plus.

Objectives:

- Assess the project's potential impact on the local economy.
- Collaborate with project stakeholders to develop a detailed roadmap for the Industrial Park implementation.
- Develop a legal framework for the development of the project.
- Define a communication strategy to attract investors and tenants to the Industrial Park.
- Assist the Regional Council in the preparation for the different meetings, workshops and site visits related to project development.
- Develop a business plan, investment proposals, and funding applications to secure financing for the project.
- Assist stakeholders in their engagement with local communities to address potential concerns and ensure successful project implementation.

Internship Funding:

- The internship offers compensation that includes coverage for travel and accommodation expenses.

Location:

- The internship is primarily based in la Mé region, Cote d'Ivoire.

Application Process:

- To apply, please submit a resume and statement of interest to Mme Nadege Angbo, Directrice Planification, Conseil Regional de la Me nadege.angbo@regiondelame.org by March 15, 2024.

2. Forests in Natural Park — Cote d'Ivoire

In its effort to limit deforestation and to preserve its fauna and flora, Cote d'Ivoire is turning a 60,000-ha forest into a natural reserve. The future intern will work with the Regional Council and the public office in charge of parks and reserves on the preservation of the area and its economic valorization.

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a master's degree program.
- Knowledge of ecological principles, biodiversity conservation strategies, and sustainable land management practices.
- Passion for environmental conservation, nature-based tourism, and community development.
- Strong organizational and project management skills, with the ability to coordinate multiple tasks and meet deadlines effectively.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, private sponsors, and local communities.
- Proficiency in French is a plus.

Objectives:

- Develop a sustainable plan, ensuring the preservation of native flora and fauna.
- Launch reforestation activities.
- Provide training to local populations on preservation techniques.
- Define a plan to develop local income-generating activities incl. eco-agriculture, agroforestry, and eco-tourism.
- Launch and monitor animal marking activities.
- Identify potential opportunities related to the issuance of forest carbon credits.
- Ensure progress of initiatives financed by key funding partners (AFD, World Bank, FAO, Cargill, Mondelez, Hershey...)
- Engage with local communities to address potential concerns and ensure safe relocation of populations living within the reserve when necessary.

Internship Funding:

- The internship offers compensation that includes coverage for travel and accommodation expenses.

Location:

- The internship is primarily based in la Mé region, with frequent travels to Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

Application Process:

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3. Agriculture development — Cote d'Ivoire

Cote d'Ivoire is looking to improve food security through agriculture modernization and the dissemination of enhanced farming practices including the use of selected seeds, fertilizers, irrigation, mechanization, and greenhouse cultivation. As part of this objective, la Mé Regional

Council is seeking to promote greenhouse farming within communities of local farmers. This internship offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the implementation of pilot greenhouse farms with a focus on vegetable crops including onions, tomatoes and more.

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a master's degree program.
- Knowledge of agronomic practices.
- Passion for agricultural development, sustainability, and poverty alleviation in rural communities.
- Strong organizational and project management skills, with the ability to coordinate multiple tasks and meet deadlines effectively.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to collaborate with diverse stakeholders including government bodies and local communities.
- Entrepreneurial and proactive attitude with the ability to problem solve in a complex environment.
- Proficiency in French is a plus.

Objectives:

- Identify agricultural needs of local farmers and communities.
- Monitor the implementation of pilot greenhouse farms.
- Organize farmers in cooperatives.
- Provide training to farmers on greenhouse farming techniques.
- Supervise farmers, ensuring good progress and addressing potential roadblocks.
- Define a commercialization plan for produced vegetables.

Internship Funding:

- The internship offers compensation that includes coverage for travel and accommodation expenses.

Location:

- The internship is primarily based in la Mé region, Cote d'Ivoire.

Application Process:

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4. Aquaculture — Cote d'Ivoire

A private company is looking to launch an aquaculture activity in Cote d'Ivoire, capitalizing on the country's potential in the sector. The project is in construction phase and will supply around 6M consumers in Abidjan. The future intern will support the implementation of the project, take part in fundraising activities, and be involved in the elaboration of a commercial plan.

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a master's degree program.
- Knowledge of aquaculture production systems.
- Knowledge of fundraising processes.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to conduct research, analyze data, and make evidence-based recommendations.

- Entrepreneurial and proactive attitude.
- Proficiency in French is a plus.

Objectives:

- Assist in the finalization of the project construction phase.
- Define marketing and distribution strategy.
- Launch commercialization.
- Work on fundraising with the objective to finance working capital needs.
- Assist with the recruiting of key staff.
- Source equipment for on-site workers.

Internship Funding:

- The internship offers compensation that includes coverage for travel and accommodation expenses.

Location:

- The internship is primarily based 50km south of Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

Application Process:

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5. Gender Inclusion — Cote d'Ivoire

In an effort to mitigate gender inequality, la Mé region in Côte d'Ivoire is looking to implement public policies that support vulnerable women. These initiatives will specifically target young girls, both schooled and unschooled, single mothers, and elderly women, with the aim of facilitating their access to income-generating activities. The future intern will collaborate with la Mé Regional Council and the Ministry responsible for women to identify populations' needs and recommend public policies to implement.

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a master's degree program.
- Strong interest in women's empowerment, gender equality, and social justice issues.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Strong analytical capabilities.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a diverse team.
- Proficiency in French is a plus.

Objectives:

- Collaborate with relevant government bodies to assess the needs of vulnerable women.
- Conduct comprehensive benchmarking to identify global best practices related to women's inclusion.
- Support the design and implementation of relevant public policies.
- Assist in the implementation of regulatory mechanisms easing access to income sources.

Internship Funding:

- The internship offers compensation that includes coverage for travel and accommodation expenses.

Location:

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