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GLPS Research Internship Program for Internationals

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I. What do we offer?

Group for Legal and Political Studies (GLPS) is a leading think-tank in Kosovo that aims to promote domestic and regional policy solutions through world-class research. We are committed to supporting international scholars, young professionals, and future leaders who show a commitment to development, democratization, and state-building in the Western Balkans by offering a platform for highly-skilled academics and young professionals to gain real-world experience in an international environment. Interns will have the opportunity to conduct research related to their field of study, produce policy products, and gain the experience of working within a top-tier think tank and as a member of Kosovo's civil society.

Research interns will work within one of our four policy areas – democratization, rule of law, regional cooperation and foreign policy, or economic growth & development – and will be provided with specific research topics and research/advocacy tasks. A senior member of our staff and GLPS researchers will oversee, guide, and mentor interns in order to ensure credible research standards and high-quality learning. GLPS will help increase the research quality of the intern within their specific field and will invest in his/her field knowledge by providing stimulating research tasks and structured guidance. GLPS will support the intern in developing appropriate research methodologies and will mentor interns as they develop their research and policy products. Interns will also have opportunities to engage with stakeholders and attend national policy-related events.

The duration of GLPS internships is between six weeks to 12 weeks and may occur anytime during the year. Internships will be evaluated on a rolling basis. GLPS internships are unpaid and all costs for travel and accommodation are the responsibility of the intern or a sponsoring institution. Interns are encouraged to apply for external institutional and university grants and will be supplied with an official statement from GLPS confirming the internship. However, GLPS will provide support with finding proper accommodation. Interns will work in the Pristina office of GLPS.

II. Who are we looking for?

We are looking for students in their last year of undergraduate studies or currently enrolled in post-graduate studies OR junior policy-professionals who hold either a bachelor's or master's degree.

Applications must be pursuing or hold a degree in law, political science, economics, business and finance, sociology or another social science.

Applicants should be fluent in English.

III. How can you apply?

Applicants should send a resume and cover letter to office@legalpoliticalstudies.org with the subject 'International Internship Program'. These should include details regarding your education, current studies, previous work or internship experiences, language experience, and technical-research skills. The resume should be a maximum of one page and the cover letter should be a maximum length of 1.5 pages. In the cover letter, you should also include your motivations and interests for applying for a GLPS internship, and why you think that you would be well-suited for the research internship in Pristina.

In addition, please also include, along with your resume and cover letter, two high-quality writing samples (preferably policy papers, but academic research papers are also acceptable) that are no longer than 10 pages each. If possible, these writing samples should relate to the research area that you are interested to work within while interning with Group for Legal and Political Studies.