Shadowing Programme 2020

Want to gain exciting insights into the world of the United Nations in Vienna? A virtual edition of the Shadowing Programme will take place from 24 October to 24 November 2020. It will offer students the opportunity to have a one-hour virtual encounter with a UN staff member and join a virtual guided tour through the Vienna International Centre (VIC) and a virtual career workshop.

Staff members from a range of Vienna-based organizations including the following are joining the Shadowing Programme 2020:

- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) - www.iaea.org
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) - https://www.unodc.org/
- United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) – www.unoosa.org
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Office in Austria – www.unhcr.at
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) - https://www.unido.org
- United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna - www.unis.unvienna.org
- International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) - https://www.incb.org/
- United Nations Liaison Office for Peace and Security in Vienna (UNLOPS Vienna) - https://unlops.unmissions.org/

How to participate

If you are a student who is enrolled in a Masters or a PhD programme at a university in Austria you are invited to apply by sending an email to the United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna (unis.vienna@un.org) with the following information:

- Name
- Nationality
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Field of study
- University
- Field of interest
- Name of the organizations you would like to “shadow” (first and second preference)
- If selected, what would you expect to get out of the Shadowing Programme? (max. 50 words)

PLEASE NOTE: The number of applications that can be accepted is limited, so you are encouraged to apply as early as possible. The deadline is 31 August 2020. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Furthermore, subject to availability you might be placed with a different organization than indicated.

The Shadowing Programme is not part of a recruiting process. It is an opportunity for students to gain insights into the work of a UN staff member.

How to know if you are selected to participate

The selection of students who can participate in the Shadowing Programme will be made after all registrations have been collected. The successful candidates will be contacted by email.

The Shadowing Programme takes place to help mark United Nations Day (24 October) and the UN’s 75th anniversary in 2020. It is coordinated by UNIS Vienna and organized in cooperation with all participating Vienna-based organizations.

The United Nations in Vienna

Vienna is one of the four headquarters of the United Nations, along with New York, Geneva and Nairobi. Since its opening on 23 August 1979 the VIC has become home to several different UN organizations. More than 5,000 employees from over 125 countries work for the 16 international organizations and units of the UN in Vienna. About a third are Austrians.