The International Press Institute (IPI), a global network of editors, journalists and media executives dedicated to defending media freedom and the free flow of news, is seeking up to two interns from Indiana University to work in its Vienna, Austria, office during the summer of 2019.

IPI is seeking interns who are highly motivated and have a keen interest in human rights, particularly press freedom. IPI is looking for undergraduate or graduate-level students, or recent graduates, seeking work experience in an international human rights NGO environment. Applicants must have strong English-language skills. IPI welcomes candidates who have knowledge of additional languages, which should be specified in the cover letter and/or résumé. IPI is particularly interested in candidates with a strong command of social media and its use as a tool for communicating news about IPI’s advocacy work. The organization seeks interns with a variety of skills, including but not limited to photography and videography, multimedia design, public relations and marketing, and legal research. Interns must be available to work five days a week and must possess excellent interpersonal skills. Responsibilities will include, but are not limited to: monitoring press freedom transgressions and developments around the world and drafting press freedom statements; researching press freedom topics and drafting reports; contributing to IPI’s projects, campaigns and publications; interacting with IPI, and other, media stakeholders; and increasing IPI’s exposure using social networking tools. The position reports to the Director of Advocacy and Communications. IPI internships are demanding positions and require a high degree of initiative and an ability to work independently and in a multicultural environment.

Each intern will be expected to work six to eight weeks during the summer. The exact number of weeks and the start and end dates are negotiable.

These internships are unpaid. IPI can provide limited logistical assistance to selected candidates, including assistance in finding accommodations in Vienna. Students selected for the internships may be eligible for scholarship or fellowship money from the Media School, including the International Press Freedom Scholarship; the Hutton Honors College; and the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs. Contact Professor Anthony Fargo, director of the Center for International Media Law and Policy Studies at IU, for more information. Students may also earn credit hours for their internships. See Amy Cornell for more information.

Apply online at http://mediaschool.indiana.edu/forms/international-press-institute-internship-application/ by 5 p.m. on December 7, 2018. Please submit a cover letter, résumé, and five clips of journalistic work by storing them in a Box folder and sharing it with Audrie Osterman. The cover letter should specify a geographic or subject matter area or a specific project the student would like to work on in Vienna. Professor Fargo will select up to five finalists. The letters, résumés, and clips of the finalists will be forwarded to IPI, which will make the final decision on whom to invite to work at the organization’s office. The successful applicants shall be notified by IPI by early January 2019.

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