

Internship Opening No.: ITC/IP/06/2025

Date: 16 Dec 2024

The International Trade Centre is looking for an:

ITC in Iraq Intern

Division/Section:	Division of Market Development, Strategies & Policy for Trade & Investment (SPTI)
Type of internship:	Regular
Duty Station:	HQ (Geneva, Switzerland)
Duration of assignment:	6 months, 1 March 2025 – 31 August 2025

BACKGROUND:

International Trade Centre (ITC) is the joint agency of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations (UN). It is the only multilateral agency fully dedicated to supporting the internationalization of small and medium-sized enterprise (SMEs). ITC's mission is to foster inclusive and sustainable growth and development through trade and international business development. ITC projects and programmes contribute to the global efforts to achieve UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development and the Aid for Trade agenda.

In Iraq, ITC builds trade-led growth for inclusive prosperity. ITC is a fully resident agency, member of the UNCT with offices in Bagdad, Erbil, Mosul and Basra. Currently, ITC is implementing two European Union-funded projects in Iraq:

- “Strengthening the Agriculture and Agri-food Value Chain and Improving Trade Policy in Iraq” (SAAVI)
- “Building Equitable and Inclusive Transformation” (BEIT), jointly executed with UN-Habitat, and ILO

ITC's Strategies & Policy for Trade & Investment (SPTI) will retain the services of an intern to assist in the implementation of ITC in Iraq programmes, based on projects' needs. The intern will contribute to technical research and analytical work and assist in the preparation of technical reports and key events.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direct supervision of the Trade Strategy Programme Officer, the intern will undertake the following tasks:

- Conduct desk-based research and analysis of topical and emerging themes relevant to Iraq's export sector's competitiveness. Make recommendations on areas that the country/agrifood/construction services sector may address to improve sector development impact and effectiveness.
- Contribute to the initial diagnostic of Iraq's trade and investment sector, identification of priority sector and value chain mapping in Iraq through desk research and analysis
- Contribute to the preparation of presentations and related material for the consultations and events in the country.
- Assist in the organization and implementation of the communications plan of the Iraq National Trade Forum 2025

REQUIREMENTS**EDUCATION**

Applicants to the programme shall, at the time of application, meet one of the following requirements:

- a) Be enrolled in a graduate school programme (second university degree or equivalent, or higher); or
- b) Be enrolled in the final academic year of a first university degree programme (minimum bachelor's level or equivalent);
- c) Have graduated with a university degree (as defined in a or b above) and, if selected, shall commence the internship within one year of graduation.

Relevant field of studies e.g. marketing, communications or a related field.

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

- Fluency in English
- Other UN languages considered as an asset.
- Knowledge of, and interest in, international trade policy and relations, business development issues and export development in developing countries. Knowledge of market access issues and basic trade statistics will be considered an asset.
- Knowledge of analyzing and organizing research results into structured and referenced reports.
- Be competent using standard office and research tools. Good knowledge of visualization tools and graphic software will be considered important assets.

LEARNING ELEMENTS

1. Gain meaningful work experience in the area of trade-related technical assistance aimed to expand their academic, professional, and personal learning;
2. Gain experience in the work of ITC and deepen knowledge and understanding of ITC's goals, mission, and their concrete implementation;
3. Gain first-hand experience in international organization.

EXPECTATIONS:

On completion of the assignment, the intern is expected to:

- Work collaboratively with team members and stakeholders to achieve organizational goals.
- Demonstrate professionalism, attention to detail, and strong organizational skills in a fast-paced work environment.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested candidates should email their CVs and Motivation Letter to Ms. Karla Solis:

ksolis@intracen.org and register on the Internship Roster:

<https://hrapps.intracen.org/internsonline/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2finternsonline%2fdefault.aspx>

ITC champions workforce diversity, inclusion, gender equality and gender parity and considers all qualified persons - of all genders - equally, including those with disabilities, without discrimination or prejudice of any kind.