



Saint Thomas More
The Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University

Internship Opportunity

Saint Thomas More/Yale students are invited to apply for the internship program at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in New York.

This unique program provides the opportunity for Catholic, college graduates or graduate students to gain invaluable experience assisting the work of the Holy See in its multilateral work at the UN, focused on bringing Catholic Social Teaching to the debates of the international community. Interns receive a special orientation on the history of the diplomatic work of the Holy See at the United Nations, attend the wide variety of UN meetings, conferences and debates, file reports to be sent to the Holy See's central offices in the Vatican, assist in running the Mission's many conferences, regularly attend receptions and cultural events held by the Holy See and other Missions, and many other activities. While the internship is unpaid, Saint Thomas More provides a stipend for living expenses while in New York.

The Summer Internship Session runs from the Tuesday immediately following Memorial Day [the last Monday of May] through the end of August. An orientation and training program is given at the beginning of each cycle. Up to eight interns are taken for any given session.

Application process

There is a two-step process:

1. Interested students must submit a statement of interest to STM as part of a *pre-approval* stage. Please send an email with your statement and your CV to Joe Connolly, Executive Director of STM at joseph.connolly@yale.edu. Once reviewed, qualified students will be invited to submit a formal application directly to the Holy See Mission staff.

2. The final selection of interns is managed entirely by the Holy See staff in New York. The application process involves sending a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation (one from a teacher or academic advisor, the second from a Catholic pastor or chaplain) to arrive by January 1, 2025 to the Internship Program, Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, 25 E. 39th Street, New York, NY 10016. A PDF copy of the mailed application should also be emailed by the deadline to office@holyseemission.org with “Internship Application” listed in the subject line. Applicants are encouraged to get in their applications well before the deadline. After applications have been received and evaluated, certain applicants may be invited to submit an essay on one of the themes in debate at the UN as the second stage of the process. After that, interviews may be scheduled via Zoom or, for those in the New York area, in person as the third stage.

For further information

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