

Crisis Horizon: Iraq Internship

About us

Beyond the Horizon International Strategic Studies Group (ISSG) is a non-partisan, independent, and non-profit think & do tank. The mission of Beyond the Horizon ISSG is to promote global peace and security by empowering decision and policymakers with knowledge and advocating paths to prevent, mitigate or end crises and conflicts.

Beyond the Horizon ISSG is unique in its focus on realistic policies and in-depth analyses to offer comprehensive solutions on topics related to international politics and security, peace and conflict studies.

BtH ISSG's funding comes from a variety of sources, mainly research grants, public procurement, but also from membership and conference fees.

BtH ISSG is recruiting a research intern for a duration of 3 to 6 months in the Terrorism, Conflict and War Directorate. This role is an excellent opportunity to develop your research skills and increase your area knowledge. Due to the pandemic, the internship will be remotely.

Ideal starting date: May 2021

Main tasks

- Collects and analyses data / information from a wide variety of sources to include local and global media, government and intergovernmental documents, academic journals, institutional databases, public conferences and seminars, publications of relevant civil society organisations and NGOs to compile weekly strategic events.
- Independently develops detailed weekly assessment that will outline the events and their impacts on the national/global scale and provides strategic foresight on the heading of the country.
- Prepares Crisis Horizon for Iraq on weekly basis.
- When/if necessary, details his/her analysis on a separate policy brief/food for thought paper.
- Contributes to the analyses and assessments of the MENA Task Force, reflecting impact from the perspective of Iraq ICCW BtH staff throughout the publication process.
- Presents findings in the form of a commentary, article, policy brief / recommendation, report or food for thought paper. The interns are expected to author at least one commentary per month and one research per quarter.
- Supports Crisis Horizon / Horizon Weekly in line with his/her focus area.
- Communicates and collaborates with internal / external researchers for joint products.
- Contributes to the organization's outreach activities.



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- Supports daily management activities of BtH.
- In case an important development emerges in Iraq, the intern prepares an event concept in cooperation with Director, makes necessary preparation and conducts webinar.

Tasks will be modified/finalized after the interview with the candidates.

Your background and qualifications

- You are a graduated (preferred master) student studying political or social sciences, focused on international relations and/or security studies.
- You have an excellent command of English, both orally and in writing; knowledge of Arabic is a plus.
- You have excellent drafting and editing skills.
- You are interested in International Relations, Security Studies, MENA Region.

Your profile

- You are able to work in an international research team involving both junior and senior colleagues and can work independently.
- You are able to respect deadlines, manage multiple tasks and changing priorities.
- You enjoy teamwork and are open to giving and receiving feedback.
- You are willing to learn and have a creative spirit.

What BtH ISSG offers

We offer a full-time unpaid internship for 3 to 6 months. We would like the preferred candidate to start her/his activities in May 2021.

Career development prospects

This position will give you the opportunity to gain valuable skills, training and experience in an international think tank. You will gain skills related to research, event and project management.

More information

Further information about the position can be obtained from Onur Sultan, Terrorism, Conflict and War Directorate: onur.sultan@behorizon.org

Application and deadline

Applications should include a one-page letter of motivation and a curriculum vitae listing your past experiences in conducting research as well as events and projects management. Please mail to info@behorizon.org with "Research Intern - TER" in the subject line by 01 April 2021.