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## **Advocacy Internship (2 positions)**

*Responsible to Research and Advocacy Co-ordinator.*

*All interns are part of the Campaigns, Research, Advocacy and Communications Team – which consists of 5 permanent staff members and 7 interns – at Amnesty International's offices in Auckland.*

### **ABOUT THE ROLE**

The two advocacy interns are responsible for providing research, policy analysis and political outreach to achieve Amnesty International Aotearoa New Zealand's (AIANZ) priority advocacy goals. The main focus of these positions is to monitor, inform and influence policies of the New Zealand government and foreign governments when appropriate. The interns would support the Research and Advocacy Co-ordinator on AIANZ's priority campaigns, as well as strengthening and maintaining relationships with relevant organisations and individuals.

The advocacy interns report to the Research and Advocacy Co-ordinator. They will work within the Campaigns, Research, Advocacy & Communications Team to ensure a close link between the policy work and public campaigning. The advocacy team will liaise with other managers, staff and interns including Media/Communications, Activism Support and Fundraising.

Priority will be given to those applicants who can commit to a full time internship. There may be travel and training opportunities and the opportunity to attend meetings with officials where appropriate.

### **PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Monitoring and taking appropriate action on new and ongoing developments in AIANZ's priority advocacy goals. This involves developing a clear understanding of the principal decision-making processes in New Zealand that are relevant to advocacy work.

2. Undertaking outreach and briefings for politicians, officials and government advisers to build strong relationships with the New Zealand government's ministers and officials, through Amnesty International's Government Network (AIGN), working closely with the Research and Advocacy Co-ordinator and the CRAC Director.
3. Undertaking primary and secondary research that builds on AIANZ's existing base of research, and is effective in achieving AIANZ's advocacy goals.
4. Responding and monitor intergovernmental requests from our colleagues internationally.
5. Analysing current and emerging policy in order to both critique and propose policy alternatives in accordance with advocacy goals. This includes drafting and editing submissions to the government to influence public debates over key issues.
6. Communicating and collaborating with civil society allies, partners, coalitions, and networks, to contribute to achieving AIANZ's main advocacy aims and wider aims.
7. Liaising with the wider Campaigns Team and providing the necessary advocacy support required for the priority campaigns.

## **COMPETENCIES**

### ***Skills***

1. Some knowledge of the NZ political system is desirable
2. Strong research skills, and policy analysis experience desirable
3. Undertaking study in the areas of law, politics, international relations and/or international law is desirable
4. Excellent command of the English language and strong writing skills
5. Strong verbal communication skills
6. Experience in managing or being part of an integrated campaign that links research and lobbying with public campaigning
7. Ability to deliver work on time and to a high standard
8. Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively with a team and in coalition/partnership with other organisations
9. Computer literate, including in use of the Internet for research.

### ***Personal Attributes***

1. Ability to be tactful and diplomatic, and maintain good relations with those who have a wide range of views
2. Good inter-personal skills
3. Cultural sensitivity and acceptance of diverse opinions and perspectives
4. Flexibility, adaptability and willingness to take initiative and responsibility
5. Commitment to human rights and Amnesty International's aims.