



Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development

International Environmental Law Extern Opportunity

The Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development (IGSD) is seeking externs for **Fall 2026**. IGSD supports multiple initiatives focused on promoting fast mitigation to reduce near-term climate risks to communities and ecosystems. These strategies include cutting climate “super pollutants,” such as methane, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), nitrous oxide, black carbon soot, and tropospheric ozone, and protecting and enhancing carbon sinks. Fast mitigation strategies are essential to limiting warming, and must complement long-term decarbonization and transitions to high-efficiency, climate-friendly technologies. The IGSD team works on laws, policies, and related actions. *Further information, including [staff profiles](#), can be found on the [IGSD website](#).*

This externship opportunity would specifically focus on the detailed review, editing, and updating of a textbook on international environmental law and policy. Specific topics include the root causes of environmental and climate issues (including consumption, technology, values, norms, and environmental protection), international organizations and non-state actors, oceans and seas, and protection of habitat (including desertification, the polar regions, world cultural and natural heritage).

Basic Qualifications

- Excellent writing, research, proofreading, and editing skills
- Demonstrated commitment to climate and environmental progress
- Excellent references
- Strong organizational skills, work ethic, and experience working individually and in diverse teams
- Innovative approaches to solving complex problems

Additional Qualifications

- Prior scholarly copyediting experience or international law experience
- Proficiency in organizing large projects, including workshops or other events
- Author of environmental, foreign policy, and/or human rights-related papers, articles, and opinion pieces

Educational Qualifications

- JD candidates with relevant work experience.
- LLM candidates with excellent English writing, reading, and research skills.

Location

This is a remote position, with the opportunity to work with and receive supervision from experienced attorneys, economists, and scientists on relevant international environmental law and policy issues via phone or video call. This position is expected to last a duration of 10-12 weeks, or one semester. Start date is as soon as possible, but no later than October 2026.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Madelyn Zuckerman at mzuckerman@igsd.org and Rebecca Mitchell at rmitchell@igsd.org. Applications will be considered immediately and on a rolling basis.