

## **Statement of Purpose: Applying for a Volunteer Post at XXXXXXXX**

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I am applying for the internship at XXXX for two main reasons. Firstly, I am deeply interested in global issues, including humanitarian relief, human rights, and international relations. My expertise is in environmental law and policy and I am particularly interested in laws that protect the environment during armed conflict. Environmental damage can harm people's health, livelihoods, and security. Regions of conflict suffer from the most serious environmental problems such as deforestation, air pollution, and loss or contamination of water supplies resulting in a lack of basic sanitation and clean drinking water. I would like to help improve these kinds of situations through working for XXXX. Secondly, it has long been my dream to work for an international organization in order to make the world a better place. Internship experience at XXXX would certainly help me to achieve my future career goal.

My major is Laws and Language, Communication and Culture (Double Majors). I have been taking Law courses in Constitution, Civil Law, Business Law, Criminal Law, Administrative Law, Chinese Law, Roman Law, and International Law. At the same time, I have been attending classes provided by the Center of Language, Communication and Culture. At the end of undergraduate course I will be awarded my double degree (Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Language, Communication and Culture).

I also studied at the University of ZZZZ, USA as an exchange student in 2014. Moreover, I participated in a 1 month joint seminar at Oxford University in August 2013 in order to discuss and compare the economy, culture, environment and education systems of Japan with those of the UK.

From these overseas learning experiences, I became not only more confident with my cross-cultural communication and English skill, but also became a more independent and resilient person. I also experienced a paid internship at the biggest climate change NGO in Japan, called YYYY, for 8 months. There, I assisted in organizing a program "Citizens' Environmental Seminar", which included lectures and fieldwork related to environmental issues. I managed the collection and processing of raw data from survey on "Energy conservation", created photos and videos, and generated publicity through Facebook and Ustream. It was also my role to assist

producing the monthly newsletter for the members of YYYY. My biggest contribution to YYYY is that I gave new ideas for promoting YYYY (such as improving their homepage and Facebook page, and suggested making a mascot character), and helped translating the official home page into English. Thanks to this experience, I'm now familiar with promotion and translation.

I also have a strong volunteer spirit, and have the experience of volunteering in Fukushima several times, helping to clean up the coastline in June, 2013. I also assisted producing 2 documentaries for the promotion of "Fukushima Project". Fukushima Project engages in activities that help food crop farmers who got "stigma damage" (consumer's overreaction to radiation) to rebuild their livelihood by cotton cultivation. It was also my role to make English subtitles for the promotion video. I assisted organizing the promotion events such as screening party of the documentary video, lectures, and fundraising activities as well. Currently I'm researching the effects and challenges of "Fukushima Project" and will present it at an academic conference.

Thanks to the challenges mentioned above, I learned how to be flexible in attitude and do multitasking under a high stress environment. I am confident that I can use all my skills, experiences, and knowledge for the benefit of XXXX. I am looking forward to working for your program and contributing to create international peace and security. I will always do my best, and make this experience fruitful.