

The [Coalition for Human Rights in Development](#) - a network of over 100 civil society organizations, NGOs and grassroots groups working together to ensure development finance respects human rights - currently has opening for **unpaid internships** (generally 10 hours per week for 3 months) to students enrolled in investigative journalism programs/courses or recent graduates, who would be interested in learning more about financial research and how to uncover the links between projects funded by development banks and human rights violations connected to these projects.

As part of our campaign "[Defenders in Development](#)", in 2019 we published the report "[Uncalculated Risks](#)", where we've exposed the attacks faced by human rights defenders who speak out against harmful projects funded by development banks. Last year, in partnership with press freedom organizations (such as Article-19, CPJ, IFEX), we also started [calling on development banks to take concrete actions to protect journalists](#). Over US\$120 billion have been earmarked for the Covid-19 response, but development banks are failing to protect journalists, whistleblowers and all those who are facing retaliations because they are denouncing corruption scandals, or raising questions around transparency and accountability.

During the internship, students would have the opportunity to help us carry out research around these issues and learn about tools and tricks to uncover financial links. This research could of course be part of their courses on investigative journalism or final dissertations.

During the internship, there will be a named person to work in close collaboration with the intern, to discuss their needs, meet them weekly, and support them. If the internship is completed in a satisfactory manner, of course we'll be also happy to provide a written reference.

Previous interns at the Coalition for Human Rights in Development have supported us in the following research work:

- Analyse Covid-19 response loans by development banks, to support a research project on how the banks are failing to protect civic space despite their commitments
- Linking specific attacks on human rights defenders to loans from development banks

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