

Summer Internship 2026: Intern

Description

The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES) partners with the [Bertelsmann Stiftung](#) to offer an internship opportunity for the summer of 2026. The Bertelsmann Stiftung is a non-profit organization committed to social change and developing solution-oriented and evidence-based policy recommendations to strengthen Europe's security, resilience, and economic model. Its democracy program comprises activities to monitor and strengthen democracy in Germany and around the world.

Location & Timeframe

The internship is based in Berlin, Germany. The office working languages are English and German. Timeframe: full-time, eight weeks - May - July 2026.

Compensation

This internship will be fully funded by CES. The funds will cover travel, accommodation, and food expenses.

Responsibilities

- Conduct research on topics related to European security and resilience, economic policy, transatlantic relations, democratic challenges in Europe and global democratic trends.
- Assist in the preparation of policy briefs, reports, and presentations.
- Monitor political and economic developments in Europe and provide analytical summaries.
- Support the organization of conferences, workshops, and expert discussions.
- Engage with policymakers, academics, and industry experts via interviews and networking.
- Assist with communications (drafting articles, newsletters, and social media content).

Required Qualifications

- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science, international relations, economics, European studies, or a related field.
- Demonstrated interest in German politics, European security and/or economic policy, EU governance or other areas of European policy making, and/or interest in comparative politics, particularly around issues of democratic development.
- Strong research and analytical skills, with experience in academic or policy research.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a dynamic, international environment.

Desirable Qualifications

- Basic German language skills.
- Prior experience in policy research, think tanks, or international organizations.