



Position: Legal Intern/Extern

Period: Fall/Spring

Approximate Hours/Week: 10-20

Location: Washington, D.C. preferred

Application Deadline: Rolling through August 30 (Fall Term); Rolling through November 15 (Spring Term)

Internship/Externship Description:

The New Markets Lab (NML) offers a legal internship/externship position that is open to current J.D. and LL.M. students. The position is part of NML's legal training program that includes young attorneys who have already graduated from law school and have previous legal experience. The program is designed to support the development of substantive legal and regulatory knowledge, with a focus on how legal and regulatory systems are implemented in practice, as well as increase understanding of the interaction among national, regional, and international laws and regulations.

The NML team will work with each intern/extern to create an intensive research project on a topic tailored to NML's core work streams that also closely aligns with the interests of the intern. Previous projects have involved an assessment of e-commerce frameworks in China; assessments of global good practices for digital trade; a study on trade in services; analysis of energy frameworks in sub-Saharan Africa; assessment of the cosmetics industry in Tanzania; review of regional seed frameworks in sub-Saharan Africa; mapping assessment of domestic, regional, and international trade frameworks related to labor, the environment, and intellectual property; identification of legal interventions to support transport corridors in India; and review of revised food safety regulation in China. NML also began a program in the Summer of 2019 that will re-think the role of economic development in law and trade agreements. Participants will also be assigned smaller research assignments from time to time to provide diverse research, analysis, and writing opportunities around a variety of topics. Legal interns/externs will take leadership over their project, meeting regularly with their supervisors for mentoring, guidance, and feedback, and will enjoy a closely collaborative work environment.

The program is designed to enhance legal research, analysis, and writing skills. Participants in the program will also have opportunities to orally present their findings to the internal research team at NML. Legal interns/externs frequently interact and collaborate with the NML team, our partners, previous fellowship participants, and other experts in the field, and are encouraged to attend events and meetings in Washington, D.C.

Requirements:

- Completion of at least one (1) year of law school and current enrollment in a Juris Doctor or Masters of Law program
- Excellent written English
- Good time management
- Good communication
- Ability to work independently and with a team

Preferred Skills and Experience:

- Knowledge of other languages beneficial
- Knowledge of other (non-U.S.) legal systems beneficial
- Previous professional experience in related area/s desirable
- Strong interest in the role of legal and regulatory issues impacting development highly valued

**Application Materials:**

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- Unedited Writing Sample (3-5 pages, could be non-legal)

Submit Materials via Email with the Subject Line “[Fall 2019] [Spring 2020] Internship/Externship Application” to Ana María Garcés Escobar, Managing Senior Legal Fellow at agarc@newmarketslab.org, with a copy to mail@newmarketslab.org.

Organization Description:

The New Markets Lab (NML) was established in 2010 to house a systems approach and set of tools for leveraging law and regulation as a tool for sustainable economic development in an evolving global market. It is the only organization of its kind: an international center for law and development that houses comparative economic legal and regulatory expertise and an international team focused on systemic and inclusive economic, legal, and regulatory change. NML’s systems approach focuses on areas of law that are critical to economic development but are also heavily regulated – including trade, agricultural markets, services, standards, and the digital economy – applying deep-dive analysis of particular issues with systemic assessments of economic legal systems more broadly. NML has built the organization’s approach and toolkit over the course of a decade’s worth of projects and programs, and the organization has become known as a neutral center for comparative economic legal expertise. NML’s methodology is grounded in practical realities, making high-level law and policy more attuned to real opportunities and challenges and bridging the gaps between the laws on the books and their application in practice.

NML has now successfully applied its model in over twenty countries in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, building unique comparative experience in economic law and regulation. NML’s institutional partners have ranged from sector-focused foundations like the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture (SFGA), to international institutions including the World Bank and World Economic Forum, to think tanks and corporations. The organization’s work includes:

- Using law and regulation to leverage models for expanding markets and supporting inclusive growth (for example, Development Corridors in Africa and India);
- Comprehensive Legal Guides to share information with entrepreneurs on legal and regulatory requirements and rights, including a Legal Guide for Women Entrepreneurs with the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE); a Legal Guide covering all regulated aspects of the Tanzanian seed industry with SAGCOT, AGRA, and USAID; and a Digital Economy Enabling Environment Guide with the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE);
- Regulatory test cases that trial implementation of new legal and regulatory requirements, including testing the regulatory process for regional variety registration under the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Community (EAC), the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and the Economic Community for West African States (ECOWAS); and
- Law and Development Case Studies that highlight the connection between law, regulation, and entrepreneurship and address common legal and regulatory challenges in a sector (case studies have focused on horticulture, handicrafts, and services, for example).

For more information on the New Markets Lab, visit www.newmarketslab.org or contact mail@newmarketslab.org.