

Internship # 15 – Central America and Dominican Republic Country Management Unit
Country Engagement Support
Location: Flexible

LC2 is the Country Management Unit (CMU) responsible for overseeing the World Bank's program in Central America and the Dominican Republic, including country strategy formulation and implementation, policy dialogue, portfolio management and country relations. The CMU works with a diverse set of clients: two lower income countries (Honduras and Nicaragua), two lower middle income (El Salvador and Guatemala), and three upper middle-income counties (Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Panama). Central America has had one of the fastest growth rates in Latin America (Panama) and one with the biggest growth challenges (El Salvador); countries where poverty tops 25 percent (Honduras), and countries that are close to the 3 percent poverty objective for the Bank twin goals (Panama); countries that have managed to transform its economy entering in high value-added sectors (Costa Rica), and countries where the structural transformation of the economy needs to happen (Nicaragua). Central America has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic both on the health and the economics front and this has had a significant impact on poverty. On top of this, macroeconomic, social and governance challenges were already an issue in most of the countries before the pandemic.

Duties and accountabilities:

The Country Management Unit for Central America and the Dominican Republic (LC2) is looking for a young and driven professional to support its country engagement products in selected countries. The intern will support Bank experts in defining and prioritizing the World Bank's development agenda in countries of the CMU (Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama), to be confirmed based on the candidates' profile, interests and strengths and the country engagement support needed.

The intern will assist Bank experts on a range of tasks related to any of the following Country Engagement products: support preparation of the Systematic Country Diagnosis (SCDs), benchmarking countries' development in multidimensional aspects (economic, financial, social, and environmental and supporting literature reviews and analysis on selected topics); and/or support preparation of Country Partnership Frameworks (CPF) or Country Engagement Notes (CEN), including ensuring alignment with SCDs and priority development challenges, and identifying areas for Bank engagement; participate in consultations with various stakeholders, including preparing summary reports of those; join discussions with government officials to understand their priorities for the Bank's support; and support Bank experts in drafting specific sections of the SCDs/CPFs for those countries.

Qualifications

- The successful candidate will have a Masters in any of the social sciences, development economics, public policy, law or other relevant discipline.

- Interest and/or experience working with civil society organizations would be a plus.
- The internship would be for a period of 3 to 6 months, to be mutually agreed.
- The candidate will be placed in Washington, D.C. or one of the four countries of focus, depending on their current location.
- The candidate must be fluent in Spanish and have at least working proficiency (speaking, reading and writing) of English.