

The Royal Danish Embassy in Vilnius is looking for a commercial and a political intern for the spring of 2022. The deadline for applications is the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 at 12.00 (DK time).

Are you interested in international trade and politics, and would you like to learn more about the role a Danish Embassy plays in Danish foreign policy? The key words in Vilnius are geopolitics, fast paced economic recovery after COVID-19 and exciting tasks in trade, political and military cooperation and public diplomacy.

As an intern at the Danish Embassy in Vilnius you will be given the opportunity to work with exciting tasks within trade, economy, politics, culture and society in a Baltic country that is in rapid development. The Embassy in Vilnius is a small representation where everyone works closely together and the interns play a crucial role.

You will get the opportunity to shape and influence your assignments, and you will get a unique insight into the workflows of the Foreign Service abroad while simultaneously getting insight into the opportunities for trade and investment in the Baltics and into Lithuania's international cooperation with especially the EU and NATO.

Vilnius is a fantastic city to live in. The city is characterized by its historical past. Therefore, it has lots of cultural experiences and activities to offer. Vilnius is also a great starting point for exploring more of the Baltics and the surrounding countries. You will also have the chance to meet international interns from other countries' embassies.

# Intern in the political department

As the political intern, you will among other things work with Lithuania's security policy, which is highly influenced by the relationship with Russia, and which is also a high priority in Danish security policy. Denmark is actively participating in ensuring stability in the Baltics, primarily through NATO. The relationship with Belarus is also a key concern, which you will get acquainted with in your work. Furthermore, you will work with EU policy, where you will gain insight into the practical aspects of how the EU and the diplomacy work.

Typical tasks for the political intern:

- Research and preparation of economic and political sub-analyses, briefings, presentations etc.
- Preparation of drafts to reports for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other Danish authorities, e.g. on Lithuania's positions on issues addressed in the EU or NATO.
- Preparation of official visits from Danish delegations, etc.
- Preparation of weekly newsletters in the field of defence of the Baltic States.
- Contributing content to various magazines and online newsletters, website editing and public diplomacy.
- In addition, there are a number of ad-hoc tasks that can vary significantly.

# Intern in the commercial department

As a commercial intern, your focus is on supporting Danish companies that are or would like to establish themselves in Lithuania. Lithuania is an important partner for Denmark and an attractive market for Danish companies. In international comparison, Lithuania's economy is less affected by the corona crisis and is expected to bounce back quickly. The country's economy has before Covid-19 been characterized by high growth rates, and one of the Embassy's primary tasks is to advise and help Danish companies in this exciting market. This is done by offering tailor-made solutions that you will help develop. Some of the

Embassy's areas of focus are energy, climate and infrastructure. As part of the work in the trade department, there is also a strong focus on public diplomacy and the promotion of Denmark in Lithuania.

Typical tasks for the commercial intern:

- Trade and export promotion
- Coordination and solving of tasks for Danish companies with an interest in Lithuania, such as partner search, market research and preparation of reports
- Contacting companies, preparing export promotions and attending meetings.
- Participating in the Nordic-Baltic cooperation between the trade departments at the embassies in the various countries.
- Public diplomacy and commercial activities and contributing content to various magazines and online newsletters, website editing and public diplomacy
- Ad-hoc based tasks that can vary significantly.

### **Qualifications**

Applicants are expected to be students in a Danish institution of higher education, for example in economics, business economics, politics, trade, social studies, history or media/communication.

You must be able to speak and write fluently in English. For the political internship, you must also be able to speak and write fluently in Danish. We expect you to be able to formulate yourself clearly and concisely in writing. Being able to work independently and having good interpersonal skills are also requirements.

We encourage Danish, Lithuanian as well as international students to apply. Foreign nationals may be offered an internship at the Embassy provided they have lived in Denmark for a number of years, are enrolled in an education programme at a Danish institution of higher education and are, at the time of application, residing in Denmark. It is possible to apply for the Erasmus+ scholarship in connection with the internship.

# **Practical information**

The internship is for a 6-months period from February 1 to July 31, and consists of 37.5 working hours per week.

The internship is unpaid. The Embassy covers part of the costs associated with the internship in Vilnius and it is usually possible to get SU during the stay. The cost of living is generally lower than in Denmark. The internship must contribute to your education and will be organized in a manner that will ensure credit transfer if your place of study allows it.

If you have any questions you are very welcome to contact us. For questions regarding the commercial internship contact senior commercial advisor Vilma Jarašiūnienė on tel. +370 5264 8782. For questions regarding the political internship, contact deputy manager Jakob Kromann on tel. +370 5264 8761.

#### **Application**

Send your application to the Embassy incl. CV, transcript and possibly recommendations. Send it all as one PDF file to <a href="mailto:vnoamb@um.dk">vnoamb@um.dk</a> labelled 'Intern' followed by your name and which position you are applying for.

We are continuously looking for interns for the Embassy, so we are happy to receive applications on an ongoing basis. The deadline for a stay in the spring of 2022 is **the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 at 12.00** (**Danish time**). We will look at the applications as soon as possible thereafter.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.