INTRODUCTION

Peace Boat US offers an excellent opportunity to gain insight and experience in the civil society, non-profit, non-governmental field, with one of the most unique NGOs in the world. Peace Boat US offers ongoing internships for students and young people to learn about and get involved in various global initiatives. As a committed campaigner for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the organization focuses on issues including climate and ocean sustainability, youth engagement, and disarmament.

We accept applications from interns from all backgrounds and experience-level looking for an invaluable opportunity with advocacy and programming at the United Nations and beyond. Especially valuable skills and qualities include being multilingual, graphic design, networking, photography, communications, public speaking, and a passion to support the issues that Peace Boat US works on.
Interns and volunteers assist with office administration, attend events at the UN as Peace Boat US representatives, support campaigns, projects, and educational programs. Peace Boat US interns’ responsibilities and schedules vary from day to day. Interns attend regular virtual team meetings throughout the week, and also attend various in person events. All interns are able to develop organizational, writing, communication, and design skills during the duration of their internship.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND CONTENT CREATION

Peace Boat US utilizes social media to share information as well as create influential messaging around the themes we work on. Interns help maintain multiple social media accounts across various platforms, keeping our partners and global community up to date on our ongoing programs. A crucial aspect of our social media content are the graphics created by interns. Peace Boat US attends conferences and events around the world so there is always content to create about our participation and activities.
ATTENDING CONFERENCES AND REPORTING

Peace Boat has Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations, which allows interns to attend conferences and meetings that require this type of accreditation. This status allows interns access to attend and report on conferences that interest them and enables them to explore topics of interest. Following an event, the interns write a report summary with any important points made by the speakers. Our status at the UN allows interns a wide variety of options of events to attend. By attending these meetings, interns have the opportunity to network with other participants. Peace Boat US also hosts many events that give interns opportunities to learn more about event planning as well as interact with UN officials, staff, partners, and other nongovernmental organizations.
Interns eager to contribute to sustainable development and engage with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals can seize an exciting opportunity by joining the Youth for the SDGs program onboard the Peace Boat. This unique initiative provides a platform for young individuals to actively participate in global efforts towards a more sustainable and equitable future.

Interns not only contribute to the implementation of sustainable practices but also embark on a transformative journey that enhances their global perspectives and empowers them to become catalysts for positive change.
PROMOTING THE UN SDGS AND COALITION-BUILDING

Peace Boat US is a committed campaigner for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the Peace Boat sails with the symbol of the SDG’s on the side of the ship. Interns work towards this common goal by bringing different people, or various backgrounds, together to achieve the UN Global Goals that call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030, all people enjoy peace and prosperity. Coalition-building is crucial to create lasting impacts towards these goals.

VOICES FROM OUR INTERNS

Cecilia Fan

“Interner at Peace Boat US for 6 months has been enriching and eye-opening. During my second term of internship, I visited Peace Boat US’s office in New York, attended ECOSOC conferences at the UN, and presented in a few events as a Peace Boat US’s youth representative. I liked how this internship experience has introduced me to the multilateral work that governments and NGOs have done to achieve the UN’s 17 SDGs collaboratively. It has both provided me with better understanding of environmental preservation work and strengthened my ability of event-reporting, graphics design and organizational management through promoting Peace Boat’s events on social media.”
**Phebe Ojomoses**

"During my internship with Peace Boat US, I had the privilege to represent the organization as a Youth Representative at key international events, including the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the Fourth Session of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction. These experiences were transformative, offering me firsthand insight into global disarmament efforts and the complexities of international diplomacy. As an intern, I was able to contribute to meaningful discussions, broaden my skills, and advocate for peace on a global scale. It was a truly rewarding experience that has enriched my understanding of peacebuilding and diplomacy."

**Francisco Lara**

“Collaborating with Peace Boat US for the past months has meant for me the opportunity to develop skills in the field that I'm professionally pursuing while they are trusting me to support UN Ocean Decade Programs and International Climate Conferences. The Internship program has been an opportunity to demonstrate how helpful the insights from young people can be and how much we can do when we have open doors, autonomy and responsibilities as interns! During my time at Peace Boat US, I was closely involved with Climate Week NYC and attended COP28 in Dubai. Right after that, I joined the Youth for the SDG Program in Patagonia as Communications Coordinator, which led to amazing experiences and strengthening the abilities and skills developed during the internship.”