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## **Presentation on UN Career Opportunities**

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Are you ready to work for the United Nations, respectively for one of its organizations? Wait! Can you answer the entire following questions with yes?

Does making a difference in the world motivate you?

Are you driven to be a part of a bigger purpose in the service of humanity?

Are you the type of person who will travel to and work anywhere at a moment's notice?

Do you thrive in an environment that:

- is truly international and multi-cultural?
- respects and promotes diversity?
- functions at its best through team efforts?

If you can answer all questions with yes then you are ready to apply for job! The UN offers many jobs in various job fields which are offered with limited or unlimited contracts. There are to be found globally duty stations, offices and tribunals that employ more than 100,000 employees. New staff is internationally recruited depending on the vacant job. It is possible to work as a professional or temporary professional, as an intern, voluntary or as a consultant for the United Nations. Depending on your academic degree a certain experience is necessary to being able to apply for a job.

In order to take part in the UN and get a feeling and first glimpse what it is like to work in this special international atmosphere is to work as a volunteer for the UN. If you possess more experience, then professional job might be of interest to you. Those jobs start at a P-2 level and the minimum requirement is a completed study at a university. Information is to be found at [careers.un.org](http://careers.un.org).

Furthermore, there is the Young Professionals Programme (YPP) that offers the chance to enter after university at a P2 level, filled through competitive examinations. Those examinations are annually held based on a country's representation among staff. The applicants must not be older than 32 years and hold a relevant first-level university degree in addition to excellent command of either English or French language. For the YPP programme applicants have to apply online! The examination process encompasses three stages: first the applicants have to submit their application online. Next, forty participants per country will be invited to the examination through which the best candidates will be selected and invited to interviews. The best participants of those interviews will be invited to become employees. If applicants passed all these stages of the examination process they are on roster, followed by limited contracts which will afterwards result in lifelong, unlimited contracts!

Next, there is to be found the unpaid internship programme where applicants have to be enrolled in graduate school or equivalent and have the chance to work for a minimum of two months up to six months. Further, applicants can apply being part of the language staff. Interested persons may not

be above 55 years and also have to pass a specific examination. In addition there is always a need for temporary staff. In this field applicants can apply for jobs by way of example consultants or contractors.

The UN and its organization offer competitive salary and benefits to its future employees. It is possible to arrange for job alerts on the website [careers.un.org](http://careers.un.org) for specific job fields and workplaces. Although a participating student noted the following comment he heard during lunch break: "If you want to change the world do not work at the UN", the United Nations are generally accepted and probably the best way to be part of a global change process.

Interesting internet links:

<http://careers.un.org>

<http://www.unv.org>

[http://www.unvienna.org/unov/en/job\\_internship.htm](http://www.unvienna.org/unov/en/job_internship.htm)