



# POLITICAL INTERN AT THE OFFICE OF DENMARK'S TECH AMBASSADOR IN SILICON VALLEY

**Do you want to help place Denmark at the forefront of the global debate on the consequences of technology for society and foreign policy? The Danish Tech Representation in Silicon Valley is looking for a political intern with an interest in the intersection of politics and technology for the fall semester 2023. You will be part of the Tech Ambassador's team in one of the leading technological epicenters of the world.**

## **About the Office of Denmark's Tech Ambassador**

With a physical presence in Silicon Valley and Copenhagen, the Tech Ambassador of Denmark and the surrounding global team contribute to rethinking the traditional way of conducting diplomacy. As a first-mover, Denmark and the TechPlomacy initiative has attracted a large amount of national as well as international attention.

In February 2021 the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched the "Strategy for Denmark's technological diplomacy 2021-2023" which works to ensure and promote a democratic, safe and societally responsible technological development. Following the launch of the strategy, Denmark established the initiative "Tech for Democracy", that works to bring together global stakeholders, states and private individuals, to ensure a technological development that supports democracy instead of undermining it.

The Tech Representation's location in Silicon Valley provides a unique access to one of the world's most dynamic and innovative ecosystems. You will get the opportunity to get close to some of the world's most prominent tech companies, think tanks, elite universities and representations of other influential countries. In addition, you will have the opportunity to delve into the political agenda surrounding the transformative influence of technology and digitization on Denmark and the international community.

## Assignments

As a political intern you will gain insight into modern diplomacy in an innovative and exciting environment. Your tasks will include, but not be limited to:

- Analysis of current and future tech-trends and their impact on the (Danish) society, politics, and economy
- Contribute to the Tech Representation's work with implementing the measures in "Strategy for Denmark's technological diplomacy 2021-2023"
- Be a part of the development, planning and execution of specific TechPlomacy projects
- Assist with the cultivation and maintenance of the Silicon Valley network through participation in events and meetings with the world's leading tech companies, international organizations and university environments.
- Conduct research to generate input and write drafts for *mission reports*
- Take part in the preparation of incoming and outgoing visits including ministerial visits as well as the Tech Representation's international consultations.
- Answer inquiries and assist with the preparation of internal and external meetings.

As far as possible, your interests and skills will be taken into account to ensure a professional benefit from the internship, which is why you regularly will receive sparring and feedback on your work.

### During the internship you will:

- Work closely with the Tech Ambassador and the rest of the team which is distributed in Silicon Valley and Copenhagen.
- Become a fully integrated part of the team and get very close to both the organizational and mission specific work.
- Get experience with execution of strategic objectives.
- Gain a solid understanding of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the work processes in the foreign service of Denmark.
- Obtain insight into foreign and security policy priorities and knowledge of technology and its societal implications.
- Further develop your ability to formulate and communicate complex messages.
- Receive the opportunity to visit and establish contacts within tech companies, political institutions and organizations in Silicon Valley.
- Have a permanent mentor assigned to offer you guidance during your internship.

### The good applicant

- Excellent analytical skills and a strong ability to grasp complex foreign policy issues.
- Able to formulate and communicate complex messages in both English and Danish
- As an agile unit it is of great importance that you are able to actively contribute with ideas and effectively execute on these.
- Characteristics such as creativity, curiosity and initiative are furthermore considered a plus.
- In-depth technical knowledge of e.g. blockchain, artificial intelligence and coding is not a prerequisite – as long as you have a strong interest in politics and the all-encompassing impact of technology on society as well as a great motivation to learn more about this.

We invite everyone, regardless of background, to apply for the internship, but the position is particularly aimed at students with competences within the field of social science or students with experience from government agencies or political organizations. The good applicant will approach the assignments with creativity, courage and structure, and be ready to attend early morning meetings with Danish stakeholders.

### **Terms and practical information**

This is an educational internship. The internship must contribute to the student's education and will be organized in a way which ensures credit transfer, provided this is allowed by the student's educational institution. As part of the internship, there will be an opportunity for the intern to immerse in a topic related to a larger assignment, e.g. an internship report. Obligations at the intern's educational institution will also be taken into account including time allocated for writing assignments.

The weekly working hours are set to 40 hours incl. lunch breaks. 12.5 vacation days are given for the duration of the internship. The representation can grant an additional 5 days for relevant academic projects, upon individual evaluation. **The duration of the internship runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2024.**

Interns are offered reimbursement of expenses related to the internship in an amount up to DKK 4.000 per month. Apart from this the internship is self-financed. Based on prior experience, it is possible to cover parts of the expenses with study grants. Accommodation is not offered but interns can benefit from the experience of previous interns to find accommodation.

Security clearance is a prerequisite for officially being offered the internship. The security clearance process will be initiated by the representation as the last stage of the application process.

### **Who is eligible for the internship?**

The intern can either be Danish or a foreign citizen enrolled at a Danish institution of higher education. Danish citizens who are enrolled at a foreign institution of higher education are also eligible for an internship. It is a prerequisite that the intern remains enrolled at an institution of higher education during the duration of the internship. An intern who already holds an academic degree at master's level must be enrolled in a master's degree in Denmark in order to be considered.

### **Application**

Send a one-page cover letter containing a brief description of your academic and professional background, personal skills and interests as well as your motivation for applying for the internship. Attach a CV as well as relevant exam papers, recommendations. Write "Political intern - TechPlomacy" in the subject line. Please send the application and the relevant documentation by e-mail to [techamb@um.dk](mailto:techamb@um.dk) in a single PDF-file.

**Application deadline:** February 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

Questions can be directed to Communications Advisor Mathias De Luca Piccin, at [matpic@um.dk](mailto:matpic@um.dk)

Applicants who are invited to an interview will be notified as soon as possible after the application deadline.