



EMBASSY OF DENMARK *Accra*

Politically interested partnership intern, Ghana

Danish relations with Ghana are in transition as Denmark has completed a gradual phasing out of traditional development cooperation in Ghana and now focuses on strengthening political and commercial relations and shifting to new forms of collaboration in the areas of statistics, water, meteorology & the maritime sector as well as strategic interventions on maritime security and regional peace and security.

The Embassy's partnership portfolio includes:

- i) Strategic sector cooperation (SSC) between Danish and Ghanaian authorities. The cooperation brings Danish public institutions into longer term direct strategic collaborations with counterpart institutions in Ghana with focus on technical cooperation:
 - a. The maritime SSC is a collaboration between the Danish Maritime Authority, Ghana Maritime Authority, and Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority. Key objectives include strengthening compliance, enhancing inland navigational safety on the biggest artificial reservoir in the world, Lake Volta, and aiding Ghana in the green transition of the maritime sector.
 - b. The SSC in the water sector is a collaboration with Aarhus municipality and the municipality of Tema in greater Accra. Key objectives include development of sustainable solutions in the areas of drinking water, wastewater management and climate adaptation.
 - c. The SSC on statistics brings together Ghana Statistical Services and Statistics Denmark to strengthen the use of administrative data for statistical purposes in Ghana including birth- and death registry.
 - d. A new SSC programme in the field of meteorology between the Danish Meteorological Institute and Ghana Meteorological Services. Key objectives include climate atlas, stakeholder engagement and early warning mechanism.
- ii) Maritime security through support to, among others, UNODC, Interpol and the Kofi Annan Peace Keeping Training Centre in Accra. The overall objective is to combat piracy and other maritime related crime and strengthen maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea.
- iii) A new regional programme focuses on preventing spill-over from the Sahel region to the West African Coastal states.

Denmark also funds a number of activities in Ghana undertaken by Danish civil society organisations in close collaboration with Ghanaian counterparts, as well as extensive research cooperation.

As political and partnership intern at the Danish Embassy in Accra, you will assist in managing a selection of the above mentioned programmes, including the organisation of events with our external partners, as well as contribute to the Embassy's ongoing political monitoring and analysis.

The internship in Accra will provide you with:

- Practical involvement in the management of the Embassy's Strategic Sector Cooperation programs.
- An understanding of the political economy of a lower middle-income African country and an opportunity to monitor and analyse Ghanaian politics, as well as the political situation in the embassy's side accredited countries (Ivory Coast, Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Togo).
- An insight into the challenges and successes of partnership work;
- An insight into diplomacy and everyday life in a lower middle-income African country;
- Dedicated colleagues ready to guide and involve you in their work;
- An opportunity that will match your capacity and challenge you on different levels;
- Influence when it comes to choosing projects that you want to work with.
- An insight into how a Danish Embassy works closely with the EU delegations and other likeminded countries.

Scope of your work

- Assist the team in the daily work involved in overseeing the implementation of the embassy's diverse partnership portfolio;
- Plan and create SoMe content in support of the Embassy's overall communication and public diplomacy efforts.
- Assist in organising and participating in high-level visits, events and meetings;
- Monitor and analyse key political developments in Ghana and regionally
- Practical assignments include answering of day-to-day requests, updating the team calendar, taking minutes at meetings and provide input for the Embassy's website.
- Contribute to the political reporting of the Embassy.

Who are you?

To apply for an internship, it is a condition that you:

- Hold a B.Sc.;
- Are enrolled in a relevant master's programme in Denmark (e.g. political science development studies, law, international relations, business, economics, global studies or African studies).
- Is a Danish/Greenlandic/Faroese national. Foreign students can apply, but must have lived in Denmark for the last 3-4 years, be studying at a Danish university, and at time of applying be living in Denmark.

Key qualifications:

You have a keen interest in strategic development cooperation and political affairs.

The partnership work is both interesting and complex. Having worked or volunteered in the field of development is an advantage, which will allow you to better understand the difficulties encountered during implementation of the programmes.

- **You are politically perceptive and have excellent analytical skills.** You are interested in politics, preferably in Africa, and have an analytical approach to collection and processing of information relevant for broad political monitoring of developments related to human rights, security and public sector management.
- **You have diplomatic skills.** You will work closely with stakeholders from different departments, embassies and civil society organisations, and as part of the Embassy, you represent Denmark abroad. It is therefore important that you have good interpersonal skills, can actively network internally and externally, and make your points with both tact and tenacity.
- **You are curious and resilient.** You are excited about the possibility to live and work in Ghana and learn about West African culture, politics, business and people. This requires a lot from you in terms of open-mindedness and adaptability. Add to this that you will work at an Embassy where work can be hectic and sometimes unpredictable. It is important that you are able to embrace these challenges.
- **You get stuff done.** We have high expectations for your time here. We expect you to be comfortable meeting deadlines, delivering a product of high quality, and to chip in and help with the many tasks - from the mundane to the novel - that working at a Danish embassy entails.

Good fundamental IT skills (including MS Office) and proficiency in Danish and English are also necessary. French is an added benefit but not a requirement.

When?

The internship is 6 months. The period of the internship will be from 01.08.2024 to 31.01.2025.

Allowance?

The Embassy provides a compensation of DKK 6,000 per month to support your expenditures for accommodation, food and transport.

How do I apply?

The application should be in English (Max. 1 A4-page) and include a description of how the internship is expected to contribute to the applicant's studies. CV and a copy of grade certificates should be attached. The application should be titled "Political and Partnership Intern" and send to accamb@um.dk.

Living conditions: The embassy can assist to put the interns in contact with a student residence, where there is a vibrant environment with international students as well as comfortable rooms.

Further information

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Counsellor Mathias Thuborg Madsen at matmae@um.dk

Embassy website: <https://ghana.um.dk/>

Deadline for applications is 01.03.2024 at 23.59 Hrs (Danish time)