

Vacancy - Technical Research Intern – OPTICC

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is the expertise centre of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in the field of climate change and climate disasters. The Climate Centre's mission is to help the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its partners reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme-weather events on vulnerable people.

The Climate Centre consists of an enthusiastic team that guides a growing network of consultants from all over the world in integrating climate risks into their work. The Climate Centre works closely with the Netherlands Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Due to a vacancy at the Climate Centre, we are immediately looking for an intern to support the OPTICC project and contribute to applied climate and conflict work with real humanitarian impact.

Envisaged start date: 1st February 2026 for a period of at least 4 months (20 to 40 hours per week depending on availability of the intern, to be agreed with the supervisor)

Project Title: OPTICC – Data-informed humanitarian prioritization in climate- and conflict-affected contexts

Project Areas: Climate Risk Integration · Conflict & Fragility · Humanitarian Decision-Making · Multi-Risk Analysis · GIS & Applied Research

Project Details:

Within the Climate Centre, the Climate and Conflict team works to strengthen humanitarian responses in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, where climate risks interact with conflict, displacement, and protection concerns. The team combines applied research with close collaboration with operational actors to ensure that climate risk information can meaningfully inform humanitarian planning and decision-making.

This internship contributes to OPTICC, a multi-year project (2024–2026) supporting ICRC and other humanitarian teams to make better-informed decisions in complex risk environments. OPTICC responds to the challenge that many humanitarian teams face: limited access to timely, sub-national data and tools to interpret multiple, overlapping risks.

Through hands-on involvement in research, analysis, and tool development, the intern will contribute to practical methods and an interactive ArcGIS-based platform that brings together climate, conflict, and vulnerability information. The internship offers a supportive learning environment in which students can apply their skills, learn from practitioners, and gain insight into how climate and conflict considerations are integrated into real humanitarian decision-making processes.

Responsibilities/tasks:

The intern will support applied research and technical work related to climate, conflict, and humanitarian prioritization, including:

- Contributing to GIS analysis and the OPTICC interactive platform
- Developing contextual resources (e.g. seasonal calendars, risk maps, analytical briefs)

- Conducting targeted research on climate–conflict dynamics and data use for humanitarian prioritization
- Participating in team discussions and contributing ideas to improve usability and relevance of tools and outputs

Tasks will be adapted to the intern's skills, interests, and learning goals.

Education:

Enrolled student (Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD) in climate science, environmental studies, geography, international relations, conflict studies, humanitarian studies, data science, or a related field

Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to communicate ideas clearly in written and verbal English
- Interest in research, analysis, and evidence-informed humanitarian action – in particular multi-criteria decision-making methodologies
- Ability to review, synthesize, and summarize information from different sources
- Willingness to learn new tools, methods, or concepts (e.g. GIS, climate risk analysis)
- Ability to work collaboratively in an intercultural and interdisciplinary team
- Ability to work independently with guidance in a primarily remote working environment
- Knowledge of French and/or Arabic is an asset

Candidates are encouraged to apply even if they do not meet every listed criterion.

Location:

This position will be home-based.

We offer:

The intern will receive compensation of Euros 450 per month based on a 40-hour work week.

How to apply:

We would like to receive your application, CV and cover letter (in English) addressed to Ingrid van den Raad, Business Support Officer at the Climate Centre, sent to application@climatecentre.org. Please use **"Intern, OPTICC technical research"** in the subject line.

Application deadline:

Monday, January 5th at 11:59 CET

Please note that due to the expected number of applications, we will only contact you if you have been successful in your application.

If you have any questions about this vacancy, please send an email to vandenraad@climatecentre.org.