**UNESCO Internship on “UNESCO Global Geoparks and digital/social media”**

Interested in working in an international environment and immersing yourself in the wonders of the Earth?

On 17 November 2015, the 195 Member States of UNESCO ratified the creation of a new label, the UNESCO Global Geoparks. This is the first new UNESCO designation label since the 1970s. To increase the visibility of this new label on all fronts, the UNESCO Earth Sciences and Geohazards Risk Reduction Section is looking for an intern to work especially on the digital and social media aspect. The intern will have his/her own project, while being part of the team of the Earth Sciences and Geohazards Risk Reduction Section.

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/earth-sciences/>

Job Purpose:

* To increase the visibility of the new UNESCO site designation label, the UNESCO Global Geoparks, the UNESCO Earth Sciences and Geohazards Risk Reduction Section, would like to create Wikipedia pages about the UNESCO Global Geoparks.
* To update and improve the GIS database of the UNESCO Global Geoparks, extract valuable geographical data from this database and explore the possibilities of making it open access and interactive.
* To explore the best practices of the use of different social and digital media options (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, but the also the use of apps etc.) for UNESCO Global Geoparks to reach the public and to do Earth science outreach.

Expected Outcomes

* Up to date and accurate Wikipedia pages on the UNESCO Global Geoparks
* Creation of a basal framework and example for future UNESCO Global Geoparks on how to create their Wikipedia page
* Up to date and accurate GIS database for the UNESCO Global Geoparks
* A detailed study on the various digital and social media available to geoparks to reach a worldwide audience

Educational Requirements:

* Holder of an undergraduate and/or postgraduate (MSc or PhD) degree or equivalent in geography, geology, geophysics, glaciology, soil science or other related field.
* Open to either sex
* Must be able to legally reside in Paris for the duration of the internship.
* Excellent research and drafting skills required, plus an interest in the subject.
* The candidate should have an active knowledge of GIS.
* The candidate should have an excellent knowledge of English, both oral and written. It would be preferred if the candidate also has a very good knowledge of French, both oral and written.

Period:

Four to six months, starting date: to be agreed upon

Working Section:

The Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO, Paris, France.

CV and Motivation Letter:

Please send (as soon as possible) your CV and motivation letter (in English) to Ms Katrien Heirman ([ka.heirman@unesco.org](mailto:ka.heirman@unesco.org)) with Mr Patrick Mc Keever ([pj.mckeever@unesco.org](mailto:pj.mckeever@unesco.org)) and Ms Margarete Patzak ([m.patzak@unesco.org](mailto:m.patzak@unesco.org)) in copy.