Intern, Office of the Director

Swedwatch is an independent, non-profit research organisation founded in 2003. Our vision is a world in which economic systems are just, transparent and sustainable.

We investigate how global business operations affect human rights and the environment, from supply chains and natural resource extraction to finance and public procurement. Our research is evidence-based and grounded in close collaboration with local partners and the people directly affected. We then use these findings in dialogue with companies, investors and decision-makers in Sweden, the EU and internationally, to push for stronger human rights due diligence and more responsible business conduct.

Swedwatch is a small organisation with a wide reach. As an intern, you will work closely with our team and contribute to research, advocacy and communications that aim to strengthen the voices of rights holders and hold economic actors to account.

The internship runs for apoximately 20 weeks from mid-January 2027 and is based at our office in Stockholm. It must be credited as part of your university studies. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer remuneration.

What you will do

- Draft briefing notes, talking points, speeches and position papers for the Director's meetings with companies, government, Sida, the EU and civil society partners
- Organise meetings with external stakeholders and take notes
- Map policy developments relevant to Swedwatch's mandate, such as the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) and business conduct in conflict-affected and high-risk areas
- Help prepare board and management materials, donor reports and funding applications
- Contribute to Swedwatch's strategy process
- Support the Director's external engagements, including seminars, panels, op-eds and Almedalen-type events
- Take part in team meetings and day-to-day office tasks

What you bring

- Studies in law, human rights, political science, peace and conflict, gender studies or a related field
- Strong analytical and writing skills in English and Swedish.
- Ability to turn complex material into short, clear briefings under time pressure
- Discretion and good judgement with confidential information
- Interest in business and human rights, international law or women, peace and security

What you gain

- Close mentoring by the Director and insight into organisational leadership
- Exposure to high-level advocacy with companies, government and international bodies
- A portfolio of written work: briefs, a policy mapping and contributions to the strategy process

How to apply

Send your CV, a one-page cover letter and confirmation from your university that the internship can be credited to careers@swedwatch.org by 20 November 2026.