Research & Advocacy Intern, Responsible Business Conduct

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 approximately 20 weeks from mid-January 2027, hybrid arrangements can be discussed. It must be credited as part of your university studies. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer remuneration.

What you will do

- Conduct desk-based research and analyse data on corporate accountability: company disclosures, supply chain data, NGO and UN reports, media and court records
- Help prepare field research, such as interview guides and stakeholder mapping, and code and analyse interview material
- Monitor Swedish companies' human rights performance against the UN Guiding Principles and OECD Guidelines and support with follow-up action
- Track EU and Swedish policy developments on due diligence, sustainable procurement and responsible investment
- Draft fact sheets, summaries and social media content to communicate findings
- Help organise seminars and dialogue meetings with companies, investors and civil society

What you bring

- Studies in human rights, development studies, sustainability, economics, law or a related field
- Solid research skills and the ability to handle large amounts of information accurately
- Excellent written English
- Passion for human rights and the role of business
- A careful, rights-holder-centred approach to sensitive information

What you gain

- Hands-on experience of evidence-based investigations from research design to publication
- Practical knowledge of human rights due diligence and corporate engagement
- A credited contribution to a published Swedwatch report or brief, where appropriate

How to apply

Send a 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.