



CHINA WTO ACCESSION INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

ALUMNI STORIES

Reza, please tell us....

Where are you from, and what have you studied before joining the China Programme?

I am from Afghanistan. I studied in the LL.M. program (Master of Law) in International Business and Economic Law at Georgetown University Law Center and graduated in May 2014. I got my B.A. in Diplomacy and Administration from Law and Political Science Faculty of Balkh University, Afghanistan in December 2008.

Why did you apply to the China Programme?

Working in the WTO, as being the only multilateral-rule making body for international trade, was my long-standing desire since I studied trade law. I applied to this program realizing that it would help me enhance my knowledge and skills with the highest level of professionalism and ethics governing the WTO. This exceptional experience will truly shape my future career where I can become a valuable asset for my country's economic sector.

What kind of work have you been assigned to during your internship so far?

I have been assigned as the co-secretary of several Working Parties where I provide support to the accession process of the respective acceding governments. I also assist in conducting monthly meetings of the Informal Group on Accessions. Furthermore, I attend meetings and conferences related to either formal work of the WTO or capacity-building activities. I will also develop a research paper concerning the Multilateral Trading System.

What do you think of your work/experience at the WTO so far?

My experience has been very rewarding so far. I am assisting with activities which ensure trade liberalization, transparency and the rule of law among nations. Simply put, being an intern at the WTO in the early stages of one's career is a privilege!

What's next?

As Afghanistan will soon become a WTO Member, I wish to contribute to the capacity-building and developments of those stakeholders benefiting from WTO membership in my country.

Thank you, Reza!

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