



Internship in the Defence Section at the Swiss Embassy in London

The Embassy of Switzerland in London is offering an internship in its Defence Attaché Office. The internship will commence on 1 March 2026 and end on 31 August 2026, with the possibility of extending it by a further six months.

The Defence Attaché Office contributes to safeguarding Switzerland's interests in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Netherlands. It enhances bilateral cooperation between the respective countries' Ministries of Defence and Armed Forces.

This internship provides an invaluable opportunity to gain insight into the workings of the Defence Attaché Office within the Swiss diplomatic mission, as well as the operations of the Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS). It offers exposure to a wide range of renowned think tanks, reflecting the UK's leading role in security, defence and international affairs, as well as London's status as a global hub for policymakers, analysts and the media.

This is a salaried position. The salary is commensurate with the internship profile.

The application deadline is **11 January 2026**.

The main activities of the internship include:

- Research and analysis in the field of security and defence policy
- Writing and drafting of reports on various security and defence issues (e.g. terrorism, the armed forces and cybersecurity)
- Participating in briefings, e.g. by think tanks, government departments, and other institutions
- Media monitoring
- Organising and participating in meetings with key stakeholders in the security and defence sector
- Attending events and networking opportunities on behalf of the Defence Attaché
- Assisting in the organisation of visits by Swiss officials
- Assisting in the organisation of public events by the Defence Attaché Office
- Drafting of official correspondence

What we expect:

- Swiss citizenship (or non-Swiss citizenship with legal residence in Switzerland)
- Excellent written and spoken English communication skills
- Excellent written communication skills in one of the official languages of Switzerland
- Completed Swiss recruit school, preferably with the rank of officer
- University degree (e.g. in security, defence policy, war studies or international studies)
- Graduated (master's degree) no more than one year before the planned start of the internship and have no internship experience since first graduating from university
- Flexible and well-mannered individual with good interpersonal skills

Working hours (100% employment basis):

Five days/40 hours per week (Monday–Friday); flexibility regarding occasional additional working hours in the evenings and at weekends. We welcome applications from individuals who are committed and reliable, have a broad interest in security and defence issues as well as international affairs, and would like to gain work experience abroad.

All applicants must submit the following documents in electronic format:

- Letter of application (in German, French or Italian)
- Curriculum vitae
- Copy of university degree or transcripts
- Details of two referees

Applications should be sent to: london.va@eda.admin.ch. **Please do not call; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.**