

The Embassy of Switzerland in China is looking for an:

Academic Intern in the Office of the Defence Attaché

100% / Beijing, China

The Office of the Defence Attaché at the Embassy is the Swiss liaison office to the Ministry of Defence and the armed forces in the accreditation countries People Republic of China, Democratic People Republic of Korea, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

This internship offers a unique opportunity to learn more about security policy in the Asia-Pacific region, the armed forces in the region and their capabilities and challenges, as well as current conflicts in which the countries are militarily involved.

Your tasks

- Analysis of the security policy situation and research
- Assistance in reporting for the Defence Attaché
- · Representation and / or joint participation in events
- Support in various projects and in the daily business of the Office of the Defence Attaché

Your profile

- Swiss citizen enrolled in, or having completed, a university degree (Bachelor or Master)
- Strong interest in security policy matters and current conflicts around the globe
- Fluency in German, French or Italian and excellent English (proficiency), with good knowledge of at least one other Swiss official language
- Good communication and social skills to reach out to partners inside and outside the Embassy
- Interest in the work of the Swiss Armed Forces or completion of recruit or officer school is an asset
- Knowledge of Chinese, Japanese or Korean language and culture is an asset

Additional information

The internship must commence within 12 months of graduation (bachelor or master). Military and civilian service as well as maternity up to a maximum of 12 months are not counted within this period. Internships within the Federal Administration completed after graduation may not exceed a total of 12 months.

For further information please contact:

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Application deadline: 30.11.2025

Start date: 01.02.2026 or upon agreement

Duration of contract: 6 months

All applicants will be contacted at the beginning of December, and interviews will be conducted within 3 weeks after the application deadline.

About the employer

The Embassy of Switzerland in Beijing represents the Swiss Government in China.

The Office of the Defence Attaché is accredited with the Ministries of Defence of the People Republic of China, Democratic People Republic of Korea, Japan and the Republic of Korea and thus in charge of all bilateral military issues.

The Federal Administration respects the different needs and life experiences of its employees and promotes their diversity. Equal treatment is a top priority.

Please submit your application to bei.jobapplications@eda.admin.ch, stating which internship you are applying to, with an upto-date CV, a motivation letter in a Swiss national language or in English and other relevant documents (diploma, work certificates, etc).