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SUMMER 2026

INTERNSHIP

PROGRAM

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Coptic Solidarity Internship Program

- Summer 2026 -

Coptic Solidarity is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that advocates for the Copts' rights of protection, full citizenship, and equality in Egypt. We support those in Egypt working for democracy, freedom, and the protection of the fundamental rights of all Egyptian citizens, and advocate in cooperation with the affiliated organizations in Canada and in Europe (Solidarité Copte). Our organization is rigorously independent, member-based, and fully funded by our grassroots.

Overview

The Coptic Solidarity (CS) Internship Program offers **undergraduates, graduates, and recent graduates** the opportunity to contribute to CS's mission, defending the rights and safety of the Coptic people in Egypt, while engaging in professional development and acquiring new skills. The type of work varies by intern position, and may include projects related to public policy, advocacy, research, administrative tasks, communications, and more. Interns are embedded within the day-to-day work at CS and have a curated learning experience for the intern cohort. The application form can be found [HERE](#).

Internships at a Glance

The approximate timeline for the summer program is below:

Summer 2026 Cohort	
Application Opens	Tuesday, April 1
Application Deadline	Sunday, April 26
Interviews	April 30 - May 7
Cohort Opening Meeting	Monday, May 18
Cohort Ends	Friday, August 14

The typical internship lasts about **12-15 weeks**, and all internships are **remote**. Current students have the option to earn **academic credit** through external programs if applicable. Interns are expected to commit **15-20 hours per week** and work directly with the Director of Development & Advocacy, the Public Affairs & Policy Advisor, as well as CS Board Members. In addition to individual tasks, interns take part in exclusive



group activities like the Coptic Affairs Speaker Series and the Capstone Research Project.

The individual job descriptions can be found below. This summer, CS is offering internships for *four* roles:

Fundraising and Operations Intern
Policy Research Intern
Digital Development Intern
Advocacy and Outreach Intern

Application & Selection Process

Applications must be completed on <https://forms.gle/EmwzUs9ScMCqKzHy5> and include the following to be considered:

- Resume
- Transcript (unofficial transcripts are accepted)
- Writing sample (4-6 pages maximum)

For inquiries or to track your application status, email Mark Basta, Public Affairs & Policy Advisor, at mbasta@copticsolidarity.org.



The Capstone Project

As part of the program, interns will work as a team to execute a substantive capstone research project that tackles a timely policy issue aligned with CS's mission. You will conduct hands-on research, synthesize your findings, and raise funds to support the project's logistics, with the help of CS's staff. At the end of the term, you will have the chance to share your work directly with key policymakers. Past interns have developed a database and published a policy white paper, and they shared their projects with audiences from Capitol Hill staff in Washington, DC, to international representatives at the United Nations!

Coptic Solidarity Annual Conference

Coptic Solidarity will host its 14th Annual Conference in Washington, DC, in early June. Our annual conference is the leading event on Coptic affairs in the world. This year's theme will focus on the risks of centralizing governance and anti-Coptic hostilities on citizenship rights in Egypt. The conference features a range of policy professionals, government officials, and experts on Coptic affairs. It provides a platform for the global Coptic diaspora to bring awareness and action regarding the Coptic situation in Egypt.

Summer interns, who are based in the proximity of the District of Columbia, will have the opportunity to attend the conference and help CS staff and board members facilitate the conference's logistics.



Position Descriptions

Fundraising and Operations Intern

Responsibilities

Help plan CS events to create public awareness on Coptic affairs and engage a wider community audience.

Identify prospective individual, foundation, and corporate donors. Develop strategies for new donor relations.

Write grant applications and manage fundraising campaigns.

Assist with scheduling, correspondence, and other operational tasks.

Qualifications

Undergraduate, graduate, or recently graduated student with coursework in political science, public policy, international relations, sociology, journalism, business, marketing, or another relevant field;

Demonstrated knowledge or interest in Middle East affairs— particularly Egypt— foreign policy, and nonprofit advocacy is highly preferred.

Previous experience with non-governmental organizational development or fundraising is preferred.

Strong understanding of various social media platforms and their functionalities. Creative thinking and the ability to generate engaging content.

Excellent written and oral communication skills. Basic graphic design skills or proficiency with design tools, including Canva.



Policy Research Intern

Responsibilities

Track federal bills, State Department publications, and USCIRF reports relevant to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

Produce policy briefs, articles, and visually appealing fact sheets for staff and digital publication.

Participate in coalition activities, including representing CS in coalition and partner meetings and workshops.

Assist with other miscellaneous and operational tasks.

Qualifications

Undergraduate, graduate, or recently graduated student with coursework in political science, public policy, international relations, sociology, or another relevant field.

Demonstrated knowledge or interest in minority rights, indigenous rights, or human rights in general, preferably with a focus on the MENA region.

Demonstrated research experience with US policy as well as UN procedures and international relations. This position covers both *national* and *international* policy work.

Familiarity with the policymaking process at the UN and/or on the Hill (e.g., *previous relevant internship, Model UN, etc., experience is a plus*).

Excellent oral and written cross-cultural communication skills; proficiency in *Arabic* is a plus.



Digital Development Intern

Responsibilities

Collect, filter, and clean data to disclose trends of discrimination and violence against Copts in Coptic Solidarity's database, CoptWatch.

Assist with the development, updating, and maintenance of the official website and its content, ensuring it is accurate, user-friendly, and visually appealing.

Support with the organization's technical and data-oriented tasks.

Assist with other miscellaneous and operational tasks.

Qualifications

Undergraduate, graduate, or recently graduated student with coursework in computer science, web development, data science, or a related field, and demonstrated interest in policy, international relations, or MENA affairs.

Strong knowledge of web development, web design, and scripting languages such as JavaScript, HTML, CSS, and WordPress.

Familiarity with quantitative policy and database management,

Excellent oral and written cross-cultural communication skills; proficiency in Arabic is highly preferred.

Ability to synthesize the Organization's quantitative findings into accessible advocacy materials.



Advocacy and Outreach Intern

Responsibilities

Assist in outreach campaigns to congressional staff, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

Assist in outreach to UN member-state representatives and international organizations.

Prepare background briefs for meetings with policy stakeholders and advocacy material.

Maintain advocacy campaigns and help develop a community mobilization strategy.

Qualifications

Undergraduate, graduate, or recently graduated student with coursework in international relations, human rights, political science, sociology, or another relevant field.

Experience or knowledge in human rights advocacy, grassroots mobilization, and community outreach, as well as UN procedures and the US government.

Excellent oral and written cross-cultural communication skills; proficiency in additional UN language(s) is a plus.

Ability to synthesize CS data and publications into accessible advocacy materials.

Demonstrated experience and knowledge of the Middle East and indigenous rights is a plus.

