



IYIP INTERNSHIP 2024-2029

Person responsible for supporting the development of technological (technical) civic initiatives for participatory democracy in Malaysia

Internship location: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Host organization: Sinar Project

Sinar Project is a citizen technology initiative using technologies and applications to systematically track important information and make it public and accessible to the Malaysian population. Its aim is to strengthen governance and encourage broader citizen participation in public affairs by making the Malaysian parliament and government more open, transparent and accountable.

Position Title: Person responsible for supporting the development of technological (technical) civic initiatives for participatory democracy

Mandate: The objective of this project is to work within the organization "Sinar Project" to support them in three priority sectors:

- a) closing the gender gap in internet access and strengthening communities by online,
- b) conduct research on internet access and data analysis,
- c) build capacity and digital literacy training to help communities make their local governments more transparent.

The Sinar Project is a non-profit NGO that seeks to improve governance and encourage citizen participation in public affairs by making government more open, transparent and accountable. The specific objective of this project is to assist Sinar Project in its advocacy work through evidence-based research for more open government and to improve access to information for Malaysian citizens through the use of ICT.

During the 3 months internship abroad, the intern will be provided with adequate accommodation and a safe and secure workplace in Kuala Lumpur.

The intern will have, among other things, the opportunity to:

- **Research internet access across the country**
- **Conduct fieldwork to collect data on social groups (urban/rural, women/men, religious groups, rich/poor, etc.) who need to improve their access to the internet and identify less active groups in communities online.**
- **Develop a training plan for young people**

- **Create additional tools as needed and deliver workshops to communities to help them advocate with their regional and local government bodies for more accountability and transparency regarding budgets for basic public services (such as health care , security, education) and with Sinar Project staff working on their government and open data programs.**
- **Collaborate with Sinar Project to create a technology platform mapping Malaysia's forest to ensure its protection and hold the government to account on environmental protection.**
- **Continue research undertaken in the early years on internet access in the country and analyze the data collected in order to write a report with Sinar project staff aimed at targeting groups and communities that need to receive basic skills training on technical and safety knowledge. The report will be published in English and Bahasa Melayu on the Sinar Project website at the end of the 3 to 4 months internship.**
- **Document and share lessons learned and recommendations with the Sinar Project team, Association for Progressive Communication partners, and the broader community.**

Required skills: The candidate must have a strong interest in the field of international development, human rights, digital education, but also in communication, research and analysis work. They must speak English and have good writing skills

Training before departure and upon return from the internship

Before leaving, participants have the chance to participate in a **2-weeks (10 business days in total)** professional training course (**in French and English with accomodations**) led by instructors **recognized in their field**, during which they will address diverse themes as per the following program.

The IYIP also aims to help participants integrate the job market when they return. In this context, participation in the program includes **workshops** designed to **improve interview skills and strengthen job search tools**.

In addition, participation in the IYIP covers:

- Travel and medical insurance costs;
- Plane tickets;
- Mandatory vaccinations*;
- The cost of the visa, if necessary;
- The organization of accommodation ;
- Daily living expenses ;
- Personalized follow-up during your international stay.

Duration of international stay: 3 months

To be eligible for the International Youth Internship Program (IYIP), the candidate must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- Be facing barriers to employment by belonging to or identifying with a group of people who face discrimination such as people living with disabilities, Indigenous people, racialized youth and members of the 2SLGBTQI+ community.
- Be between the ages of 18 to 30 years old at the time of final selection (i.e. at the time of signing the contract by the intern and Alternatives);

- Have never participated in the IYIP (with some exceptions: see our FAQ section)

Language: good knowledge of written and spoken English required.

Interested? To register, please access the form below by clicking on apply.

Only those who send their CV and covering letter (via the registration form) will be considered in the selection process.

Information: psij@alternatives.ca

Take your chance!