



## **Political Intern focusing on China's expansionist policies in the Pacific**

Duration: **August 1, 2026 until January 31, 2027**

A unique opportunity for a highly motivated, talented, and self-driven bachelor's degree in political science, Asian Studies, or similar degrees within the field to work on tensions in the South China Sea and around Taiwan and its potential threat to Danish and allied economic and security interests. The intern will work directly with the Ambassador in Manila on China's regional policies, allied options, and responses. In addition, the intern will help prepare and contribute to the Embassy's general political reporting to the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The South China Sea is the world's most important waterway, and together with the surrounding Pacific water, it has become a major area of contention between China and the West. Areas of conflicting interests include the militarization of islands in the South China Sea, confrontations with neighboring countries, economic competition, and the increasing risk of regional conflicts.

As an intern at a medium-sized Danish Embassy, the candidate should be prepared to support additional Embassy-related activities as needed.

The position requires strong analytical capabilities and an imaginative mindset. Proficiency in Danish and English writing is mandatory. Candidates who successfully pass the initial interview will be invited to a written test and asked to submit a sample of a university assignment of their own choice.

### **Terms of Employment**

The internship period is six (6) months, commencing on **August 1, 2026 until January 31, 2027**

This is an unpaid internship, but the Embassy will provide an allowance of DKK 4,000 per month to cover the living costs, as well as DKK 125 to help cover your phone plan. During the stay, SU can be included according to the current regulations (and the allowance provided by the Embassy will not affect your SU). The intern is responsible for finding accommodation, but the Embassy can assist with possible contacts and advice.

The average weekly working time is 38 hours, and during the internship, the intern is entitled to 12 days of holiday. At their own expense, the intern must have valid travel/health insurance covering their entire stay.

## **Application Process**

**Deadline for application: March 10, 2026**

**Application period:** 10 February – 10 March 2026

**Follow the link to apply:** <https://candidate.hr-manager.net/ApplicationInit.aspx?cid=5001&ProjectId=189398&DepartmentId=10415&SkipAdvertisement=true>

**Application code:**

*Political Intern: POL-1*