

# ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS INTERNSHIP WITH THE VATICAN

**Length:** 1 year (start date flexible, the sooner the better) with option to extend

**Hours:** 30 hours/week (flexible with research needs and urgency of assignments)

## **Position Summary**

The ecological economics intern will work in the ecology and/or economics team within the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (DPIHD). The DPIHD is the Vatican's main research arm on matters of ecology, economics, health, migrants, refugees and security. This is exemplified by the Vatican Covid-19 Commission, which is hosted at DPIHD, that seeks to reimagine and transform global economic structures to ensure integral human development for all. It also reports its findings directly to Pope Francis.

The internship is the product of a Memorandum of Understanding between the DPIHD and ISEE, coordinated and advised by the ecumenical Circle of Ecological Economics Elders (CoEEE), composed of some of the principal thought leaders of the Ecological Economics movement in league with global activists on climate change, ecological overshoot and social equity. The internship is dedicated to the memory of Stuart Scott, a brave fighter for ecological economics principles and the need for interfaith leadership to break the roadblocks to global cooperation in combating global change.

## **Funding**

ISEE has received commitment of financial support to the internship in the form of a scholarship to cover living expenses at EUR 1000/mo. for up to 12 months. An additional commitment of 3,000 GBP for the 12-month period has been received from the Laudato Si' Research Institute, Campion Hall, at Oxford, to cover travel expenses to Rome and additional living expenses, bringing the total scholarship to

approximately 15,500 Euros. The candidate is responsible for finding accommodation in Rome.

### **Responsibilities**

- Assist the lead of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development ecology program (Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam) and other members of the Dicastery on various projects
- Regular (biweekly) meetings with the CoEEE to coordinate efforts undertaken with the Dicastery with other ISEE and degrowth research initiatives.
- Letter and speech writing
- Assist in the rollout of the Laudato Si' Action Platform
- Develop stronger relationships with Vatican Radio, Vatican Media and the Pontifical Academies

### **Requirements**

- Current graduate student in ecological economics or in a demonstrably related area, such as political ecology or ecoteology. We welcome applications from graduate students at any stage of their studies (e.g., interim to ongoing graduate studies, transition to master's program, transition to PhD program, or post-doc).
- Willingness to undertake intensive study in ecological economics in a workshop or summer school setting during the internship
- Strong written and oral communication skills in English. (Knowledge of Italian or of another Romance language such as Spanish or French would be desirable.)
- Ability to work independently and take initiative on projects
- Following or willing to learn the fundamentals of Catholic Social Teaching, especially Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti

### **Application Process**

Candidates should submit the following:

- 1-to-2-page CV
- Writing sample

- Letter of commitment to the objectives of the internship
- Letter of recommendation (by an academic familiar with the candidate's work)

Enrollment will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Send submissions as attachments in an email to [secretariat@isecoeco.org](mailto:secretariat@isecoeco.org) with the subject: "Vatican internship application\_ Name of candidate"