



PSSI Now Accepting Applications for Fall 2023: Economic & Financial Statecraft Program Internship

PSSI is looking for one or two interns for its award-winning [Economic & Financial Statecraft Program](#). The intern should be interested in research, analysis and policy-making concerning the security dimensions of international economic and financial (E&F) affairs. This is a 6-month position, with a possibility of extension.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The intern will participate in conducting – and facilitating via fundraising – pioneering research and the crafting of policy responses to economic and financial threats posed by China, Russia and other authoritarian police states to the transatlantic allies, including the Czech Republic. China will be the focus, however.

The intern would be responsible for: supporting the work of PSSI E&F Statecraft Program Project Coordinator; conducting research; writing and publishing; event organizing; participating in ongoing research and/or projects; and assisting with fundraising. Specifically, the intern will assist in an upcoming project focused on uncovering and analyzing major European and American pension funds, and their investments in “malign”, publicly traded Chinese companies.

Training and mentorship will be provided. Modest compensation will be available following the end of a 60-day trial period. The applicant will ideally be located in Prague, but a fully remote solution may be possible. This is a part-time position, approximately 10-20 hours per week and is designed to be suitable for university students and young professionals.

The Orientation that we are looking for includes:

- Interest in allied capital markets, risk management, investor protection, international relations, security and human rights policy, Chinese corporate “bad actors” raising funds in the West, finance and similar fields;
- Basic proficiency in how capital markets (stocks, bonds, IPOs etc.) operate is desirable, but not required;
- Experience in drafting fundraising grants is helpful;
- Fluency in English (C1-C2), with strong written and oral communication skills;
- Strong research and analytical skills;
- Good time management and project management;
- Flexibility and openness to rapidly changing organizational and project needs (as this issue portfolio is very dynamic);
- Solid communication and interpersonal skills and a good “team player”;
- Commitment to the PSSI’s values and mission goals in the defense of human freedom (an E&F warrior, versus purely academic, mind-set)
- Intermediate knowledge of Microsoft Excel or Google Sheets;
- Knowledge of Czech or Chinese (passive reading) is desirable, but not required.

The deadline to apply is **September 1, 2023**. Applicants will be contacted regarding interviews in the first two weeks of September 2023. Applicants should send (ideally in one document):

(1) a **CV**;

(2) a **100-300 word motivational text** on why you would be a good fit; and

(3) a **1-300 written sample** answering **one** of the following questions:

- What are the potential risks to investors and national security of Wall Street and other fund managers failing to perform adequate due diligence in selecting a Chinese company to be included in a Western index and/or a passive investment product (e.g an Exchange-Traded Fund, mutual fund etc.)?
- Can China’s access to allied capital markets serve as Western leverage or a sanctions tool? If so, in what kind of circumstances and with what Western policy goals in mind?
- To what extent does Europe need to decouple/de-risk itself from the Chinese economy and its state-controlled companies (which is all of them) and the kind of leverage such companies offer Beijing that is often contrary to European interests?

Please keep in mind, we are not looking for established experts, but wish to evaluate how you approach the questions and the subject matter. [Please send your application to skold@pssi.cz](mailto:skold@pssi.cz).

Feel free to reach out to the above email address if you have any questions about the application process.