

“AUTUMN 2026” INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The National Maritime Foundation (NMF) is delighted to issue a Call for Applications for its **Autumn-2026 INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME**. There are two variants on offer—AUTERN and AUTEX. The internships will be conducted entirely in the **ENGLISH language**:

(1) AUTERN-2026

Duration: Approximately **three calendar months**— from **Monday, 21 September 2026** to **Friday, 18 December 2026**.

Format: The internship will be conducted **entirely** in physical format at the NMF’s premises in New Delhi. Interns are required to be present at the NMF on all working days for the duration of the internship.

Please note that the NMF is **NOT in a position to provide for boarding, lodging, or transportation, of its interns.**

(2) AUTEX-2026

Duration: Approximately **six calendar months**— from **Monday, 21 September 2026** to **Friday, 19 March 2027**.

Format: The internship will be conducted **entirely** in physical format at the NMF’s premises in New Delhi. Interns are required to be present at the NMF on all working days for the duration of the internship.

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Stipend: Based entirely upon the performance of the interns, as assessed by the NMF at its sole discretion, a **monthly stipend of Rs 10,000 (Rupees Ten-Thousand Only)** would be provided, for three months. **The stipend would be payable at the end of each calendar month, commencing January 2027.**

Qualifications and Prioritisation

Candidates pursuing internships at other organisations are **NOT** eligible for NMF's internship programme.

Students currently pursuing their undergraduate studies will **NOT** be accepted for either of the two variants on offer for the Autumn-2026 internship programmes, **except** in cases that are governed by specific Memoranda of Understanding between the NMF and the external institution(s) in question.

Applicants to the six-month variant of the internship (AUTEX-2026) will be given priority during the selection process. **However, certificates of completion will only be awarded upon completing the entire duration of the respective variant applied for by the individual concerned.**

Within each variant, priority for acceptance of applications will be given in order of academic qualifications, namely:

- (1) Post-doctoral scholars (PhD holders)
- (2) Doctoral (PhD) Students
- (3) Master's degree-holders
- (4) Professional degree holders (e.g., LLB, BTech, etc.)
- (5) Master's degree programme students
- (6) Graduates

Selection Criteria and Application Procedure

For the NMF's Autumn Internship Programme 2026, **candidates will be required to undergo the following selection process:**

- (a) All aspirants are required to fill out the "Call for Applications Form" attached below, and submit it by the indicated deadline therein.
- (b) Shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview, which may be conducted either online or offline. Only candidates who qualify during the interview phase will be selected for the internship
- (c) Upon completion of the interview phase, selected candidates will be notified and provided with additional details.

Nature of Internship and Future Consideration

The NMF Internship Programme is intended to provide selected candidates with a broad exposure to maritime research, policy analysis, institutional functioning, publications, events, and related professional work. Selection-for, participation-in, or completion of the internship does not constitute an offer, assurance, or guarantee of employment, consultancy, fellowship, or any other paid engagement at the NMF.

However, should an intern demonstrate exceptional research ability, writing skills, discipline, professionalism, initiative, and suitability for the institutional requirements of the NMF, the Foundation may, entirely at its discretion and subject to vacancies/requirements, consider such individuals for future

opportunities. No claim to employment or engagement shall be entertained solely on the basis of having undertaken or completed the internship.

Teaching Capsule

During the **initial twelve weeks** of the NMF Internship Programme, all interns will be compulsorily required to attend a three-month “teaching capsule” comprising a series of **daily** interactive presentations and scenario-based case studies.

This ‘teaching capsule’ will be conducted by the Director-General, NMF, as also by other experienced members of the NMF’s own Research Faculty. Each interactive session will be of a duration of ‘two to two-and-a-half hours’ and will be held on all working days (Monday to Friday, other than closed holidays). More as an exception rather than a rule, interactive presentations may also be held on Saturdays, but in such cases, they will not stretch beyond 1300 h (1 p.m.).

On completion of the teaching capsule, AUTEX interns will be attached to one or more of the Research Faculty of the NMF. Interns are required to produce one or more book reviews and one or more critiques (of word-length between 800 and 1,200 words), and one or more independent research article (of word-length between 1,500 and 3000 words) under the mentorship of their assigned supervisor. Should this written work meet the quality criteria of the NMF, it will be published under the name of the author. Interns will, in addition, be exposed-to and encouraged-to participate-in engagements of the NMF with its partner-institutions from within India and abroad, as well as visiting international delegations.

Confidentiality and Publication

During the course of the internship, interns may have access to institutional material, internal discussions, event proceedings, draft publications, research inputs, and other information related to the work of the NMF. Interns shall maintain strict confidentiality in respect of such material and shall not share, reproduce, circulate, publish, or use any such information without prior written approval from the NMF.

Any written work produced during the internship, including book reviews, critiques, research articles, reports, presentations, or other outputs, shall be subject to review and approval by the NMF before being submitted, circulated, or published in any form. Publication of any work shall be at the sole discretion of the NMF and subject to its quality standards and institutional requirements.

Leave

Leave during the internship shall be strictly limited and may be availed only with prior approval of the NMF. For the three-month Autumn internship variant, a maximum of three working days of leave may be considered during the entire duration of the internship. Similarly, interns selected for the AUTEX variant may avail a maximum of three working days of leave during the prescribed duration of the internship. Leave shall not be permitted on consecutive working days.

No additional leave, beyond the limits prescribed above, shall be granted for examinations, academic commitments, personal engagements, travel, or any other prior commitments. Candidates who are

likely to have examinations or any other commitments during the internship period are advised not to apply for the internship.

The grant of leave shall remain subject to the approval of the NMF and cannot be claimed as a matter of right. Repeated absence, unauthorised absence, or failure to adhere to the prescribed working hours and/or leave limits may adversely affect the intern's continuation in the programme and the issuance of the internship certificate.

(CANDIDATES ARE THEREFORE EXPECTED TO APPLY ONLY IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE INTERNSHIP).

Certificate of Completion

Certificates will be issued only upon successful completion of the full duration of the internship variant for which the intern has been selected. Issuance of the certificate shall be subject to satisfactory attendance, punctuality, conduct, compliance with NMF rules, and completion/submission of all assigned deliverables to the satisfaction of the NMF.

The NMF reserves the right to withhold the certificate in case of unsatisfactory conduct, repeated absence, non-compliance with institutional requirements, or failure to complete assigned work.

Dress Code

The NMF maintains a strict dress-code.

- For gentlemen, this entails closed, formal shoes of polished leather, socks, formal trousers/slacks (no jeans), a full-sleeved shirt, and a necktie/cravat. Hair (including beards and/or moustaches wherever applicable) is to be neat, combed, and tidy, reflective of sartorial elegance and good grooming. A combination-jacket and/or a lounge suit are optional, except on specified occasions where these may be mandated.
- For ladies, the dress code entails formal and professional office attire. Acceptable attire includes sarees, churidar-kurta, formal kurtas with appropriate lowers, formal trousers/slacks with shirts or blouses, and formal jackets/blazers where appropriate. Jeans, casual T-shirts, short tops, sleeveless tops, transparent or revealing clothing, leggings worn as trousers, casual footwear, slippers, and sports shoes are not permitted. Footwear should be formal and suitable for an office environment. Hair and overall grooming are to be neat and tidy, reflective of professionalism, sartorial elegance, and good grooming. **Accordingly, some indicative pictorial-guidance is offered in the NMF website (please see: <https://maritimeindia.org/internships/>)**

Expectations

What each applicant for the “**Autumn Internship Programme 2026**” should expect from the NMF, and, what the NMF expects in turn, has been detailed in the NMF's website:

<https://www.maritimeindia.org>. It is mandatory for each applicant to have gone through the NMF website in its entirety, with due care and diligence.

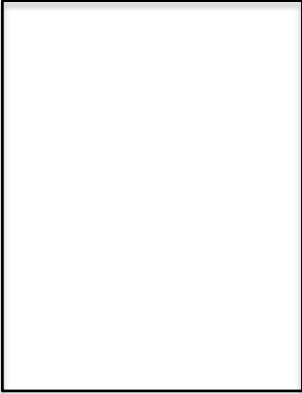
Things to Remember to do while Applying

- Do **NOT** forget to specify the variant for which you are applying.
Remember: Seats on the programme are limited.
- Please send us your Application **ONLY** in the format indicated in the Appendix. **Even if you have already sent us an unsolicited application or a request for internship, please do so again, this time strictly in accordance with the format indicated in the Appendix.** Please note that **NO** requests beyond this application will be entertained during the selection process.
- Please **email your applications ASAP** to Ms Chitali Kohli, (who will be the “Internship Coordinator”) at: progexecutive.nmf@gmail.com and **CC** it to the following email addresses:
 - directorgeneral.nmfindia@gmail.com
 - execdir.nmf@gmail.com
 - maritimeindia@gmail.com
 - indopac8.nmf@gmail.com
- The deadline for the applications to **reach us** (not the time you mail the application) is **5 p.m. (1700 h) on Sunday, 02 August 2026**. Applications received after this deadline will **NOT** be considered.

APPLICATION FOR INTERNSHIP

Personal Particulars

(Please note that all fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory)

1.	Internship-Variant for which you are applying (Specify: "AUTERN-2026" OR "AUTEX-2026") ▼*	
2.	Preferred Salutation (e.g., Mr/ Ms/ Mrs/ Dr/ Military Rank, etc.) ▼*	Scanned Copy (pdf format) of a recent passport size photograph of yours, in colour, with a plain background. Please re-size (but do NOT distort) the photograph to FIT within this box 
3.	Given Name(s) [in BLOCK CAPITALS] ▼*	
4.	Surname (Family Name) [in BLOCK CAPITALS] ▼*	
5.	Gender ▼*	
6.	Date of Birth (dd-mm-yyyy) ▼*	
7.	Your marital status (Married/ Single) ►* If married: Your spouse's name ► Your spouse's occupation ► Your spouse's Date of Birth (dd-mm-yyyy) ►	
8.	Parent (or Guardian)'s name and relationship with you (Please specify the relationship of the person whose details you are providing, e.g.,	

	Father, Mother, Spouse, Uncle, Aunt. If other, kindly mention. Additionally, if your parent is or was in the Defence Services, please specify the current rank or, where applicable, the rank last held by him/her.” ▼*	
9.	Parent/Guardian’s Mobile No and Email address ▼*	
10.	Permanent Address ▼*	
11.	Residential Address in Delhi NCR for the Duration of the Internship ▼*	
12.	Your Mobile Number ▶*	
13.	Your email address(es) ▶*	

Academic Details (Kindly provide details of all your educational qualifications)

14.	If you are an Undergraduate (studying to attain a Bachelor's degree) :	
(a)	Name of your College/University/Institute ▶	
(b)	Name of a Bachelor's Degree ▶	
(c)	The town or city in which your college is located? ▶	
(d)	How many years is your graduation course? ▶ (e.g., 3 years, 4 years, or 5 years)	
(e)	How many year(s) have you completed? ▶	
(f)	Specify your current subjects: ▶	(1)
		(2)
		(3)
		(4)
		(5)
15.	If you are already a Graduate (i.e., you hold a Bachelor's degree) *:	
16.	Academic institution from which you graduated ▶	
17.	The stream in which you possess a Bachelor's Degree (e.g., BSc, BA, BTech, BE, BCom, BBA, LLB, BA-LLB, etc.) ▶	
18.	The subjects you studied in the last two years of your graduation ▶	(1)
		(2)
		(3)
		(4)
		(5)

19.	If you are studying to attain a Master's degree:	
(a)	Name of your College/Institute/University/Centre ▶	
(b)	Name of a Master's Degree ▶	
(b)	City in which your college/centre is located ▶	
(c)	How many years [duration] is your course? (e.g., 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, etc.) ▶	
(d)	In which year will your course end? ▶	
(e)	Specify your current subjects: ▶	(1)
		(2)
		(3)
		(4)
		(5)
		(6)
20.	If you already hold a Master's degree:	
21.	Academic institution from which you graduated ▶	
22.	The stream in which you possess a Master's Degree (e.g., MSc, MA, MTech, MCom, LLM, MBA, etc.) ▶	
23.	The subjects you studied in the last two years of your post-graduation: ▶	(1)
		(2)
		(3)
		(4)
		(5)

24.	Did you write a thesis or a Dissertation for your Post-Graduation? (Tick-mark one) ▶	YES	NO
25.	If YES, what was the subject/title of your thesis/ dissertation? If NO, write "NA" ▶		
26.	If you already hold an MPhil or a PhD degree:		
(a)	Name of your Institute/University/Centre ▶		
(b)	City in which your Institute / University / Centre is located ▶		
(d)	Specify the title(s) of your MPhil and/or your PhD dissertation: ▶		

27.	Please indicate how you heard of the NMF ▼*
28.	Please explain WHY you wish to do an internship at the NMF ▼*

29.	<p>Please indicate whether you have any specific area(s) of maritime interest that you would like to explore in your internship. *</p> <p><i>(Please note that it is NOT mandatory for you to fill any details. If you have no particular research area in mind, simply write "NIL")</i></p>

30.	Please indicate any additional skills that you possess (e.g., web design, graphic design, photography, video-making, social-media management, etc.) ▼*
31.	Please tell us about (1) yourself, (2) your family background (parents, siblings, etc.) (3) your personality ▼*

Declaration and Acceptance by the Applicant (Please Tick-Mark)

I confirm that I have carefully read and understood the terms, expectations, and requirements of the NMF Internship Programme, including its physical format, dress code, punctuality requirements, leave rules, confidentiality requirements, publication-related conditions, and standards of professional conduct.

I understand that adherence to the NMF's non-negotiables, including punctuality, dress code, discipline, and general conduct, is mandatory throughout the internship.

I understand that the internship is intended to provide exposure and learning in the field of maritime research and related institutional work, and that it does not guarantee employment, consultancy, fellowship, or any future paid engagement at the NMF.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____