

## Career opportunities of MIL graduates

<b>Age</b>	24
<b>Nationality</b>	Swiss
<b>Start of MIL</b>	September 2015
<b>End of MIL</b>	2017
<b>Bachelor degree</b>	International Relations at University of Geneva

<b>Employer</b>	<b>European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg</b>
<b>Type of contract</b>	<b>Traineeship (5 months)</b>
<b>Work and duties</b>	<p>I am the trainee of the Swiss Judge at the Court. It is a new program and we are around 10 trainees working each with a Judge. The duties are assisting the Judge with her work, can it be correcting articles; researching; preparing presentations; drafting dissenting/concurring opinions and following cases brought to the Court.</p> <p>I also have the opportunity to work with the Swiss division by researching for them or examining the admissibility of Swiss cases.</p>

<b>Was the MIL of relevance for your job?</b>	Yes definitely, for drafting skills and the English language.
<b>Did your employer know the MIL?</b>	I do not know, but the Judge is from St. Gallen, so it could be the university as a whole.
<b>Did you get the job because of the MIL?</b>	I do not know.
<b>Was the application process easy or difficult with an MIL degree?</b>	It was easy. I just applied on the website for the regular traineeship sessions of the Council of Europe and chose the Court. The application process is very fast and easy since they select you without any interview.
<b>Would you do the MIL again?</b>	Yes, but especially because the UNISG has a good reputation.

<b>Do you have any advice for job applications?</b>	Just try even if you think it is impossible! Promote the fact that the MIL is multidisciplinary, promote language skills and show you have true interests and passion in what you are doing.
<b>Do you have any advice for the career planning of MIL students?</b>	Get in touch with as many people as you can. For example, at the ECtHR people are extremely friendly and helpful and will get in touch with you, especially the division of your own country.