

# Terms of Reference

## **Introduction**

The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) was established based on the Agreement between the United Nations and the Royal Government of Cambodia to prosecute, under Cambodian law, the crimes committed during the period of the Democratic Kampuchea. The ECCC had been mandated to bring to trials the senior leaders of the Democratic Kampuchea and those alleged to be most responsible for the crimes and serious violations of Cambodian laws and international humanitarian law committed between 17 April 1975 and 6 January 1979.

The role of the DSS is to ensure fair trials through effective representation of the accused. The Section is responsible for providing indigent accused with a list of lawyers who can defend them, and for providing legal and administrative support to lawyers assigned to work on cases, including the payment of fees. The DSS also acts as a voice for the defence at outreach events and, the media, liaises with other tribunals and NGOs, runs training courses and organises an internships program for young lawyers.

An internship with the DSS is an ideal opportunity for Cambodian law students and recent graduates to put into practice the knowledge they have gained through their university studies, to work alongside experienced legal professionals from across the globe and to learn.

## **Duties:**

- Interns are either assigned to a DSS lawyer or to an individual defence team, under DSS administrative supervision.
- Interns undertake a wide variety of tasks, including;
  - Conducting detailed research on international criminal law and human rights law, and Cambodian law;
  - Attending court hearings;
  - Assisting on preparing and delivering training courses;
  - Speaking at outreach events;
  - Assisting DSS staff at various meetings;
  - Assisting in drafting submissions;
  - Assisting in analysing evidence; and
  - Assisting with administrative tasks.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Cambodian Nationality,
- University level law student or recent graduate from a National or International University,
- Excellent communication skills in Khmer, good written and oral command of English or French,
- Good computer skills: Words, Excel, internet and E-mails,
- Good legal research, drafting and note taking skills.