



*Jump-start your career...  
gain hands-on experience in your  
field of expertise, develop your  
knowledge and skills in an  
international, entrepreneurial  
and innovative environment, and  
build your professional network.*

# *EIT Foundation Internship Programme*

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internship programme gives you  
the opportunity you are looking for.*

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## *Make innovation happen*

The programme offers paid internships to higher education graduates and post-graduate Master and PhD candidates. As an intern, you get to work side by side with other professionals in some of the world's leading companies, acquiring the skills, knowledge and competencies to drive innovation forward. **The EIT Foundation Internship programme facilitates graduates' integration into the workplace and bridges the gap between academia and business**, thereby contributing to reducing Europe's high youth unemployment rates.

## *Work in leading companies; learn from different cultures and countries*

Each year, the Foundation offers internships in a wide variety of areas related to the work of its member companies. **You can experience what it is like to work with leading companies whilst developing your knowledge and skills within the business environment of the various countries in which these companies operate.** The Foundation companies' activities cover various sectors and internships can take place across different units, such as R&D, ICT, business development and the supply chain. This diversity makes the internship programme relevant to individuals from a broad spectrum of academic disciplines.

## *What will you do ?*

When you take part in the EIT Foundation Internship programme, you are **assigned to a specific project, with clear objectives, tasks and deliverables.** You will work on all phases of the project, including ; project preparation, methodology development, project execution and management, and the final project presentation.

## *What skills will you gain ?*

You will gain **hands-on experience** in your field of interest and **develop soft skills** which you will find rewarding and interesting for your future career, such as team working, networking, communication and languages. During the internship, you will receive support and guidance from experienced mentors and coaches who will pay particular attention to **developing your innovative and entrepreneurial skills.** Our internship programme is a great gateway to explore future opportunities, allowing you to assess and clarify your career plans and goals.

## *Who are we looking for ?*

**To be considered for an internship, you must be in possession of a Master, post-graduate Masters or PhD from a higher education institution.** You can also be a current candidate for a post-graduate Masters or PhD. In both cases, **it is recommended that you are still associated with a higher education institution** that can sign an internship agreement with the hosting company.

You are also expected to have a solid academic record, and good analytical and drafting skills. You must have a good written and oral command of English. Additional specific prerequisites may be necessary. These will be stated in the vacancy notice.

## *How do I apply ?*

Your higher education institution can provide you with more information on the internship positions currently on offer. If you are interested in one or more of these, you can apply **by providing the person at your University responsible for internships with a CV and a targeted motivation letter.** If you have any questions about the internships being offered or about the application process, please contact the EIT Foundation secretariat via **eitfoundation@gmail.com**

## *Practical aspects*

The duration of EIT Foundation internships is **between 6 and 12 months.** Internships are paid; the exact amount varies according to the hosting company's internal rules. The pay is expected to cover living and housing costs (between €1000-1200/month). An internship agreement may be necessary between the higher education institution and the hosting company.

## *Foundation of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology*

**The Foundation of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EITF) is a philanthropic, non-profit organisation.** It brings together a group of like-minded organisations dedicated to promoting a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in Europe. Currently, 10 companies are part of the EIT Foundation : Agfa Gevaert, Akzo Nobel, Alcatel-Lucent, BNP Paribas, Ernst&Young, Google, Intel Labs, Mol, Solvay and Vodafone.



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