

**External internships** involve students undergoing training at an organisation external to the URV. The internship takes place at a company or an institution that has signed a collaboration agreement with the URV. During the internship, the student must apply the professional competencies that they have acquired during their master's course in a real working environment. As such, internships provide essential training for students following the professional path of the master's degree.

This subject is worth 6 ECTS credits, which means a 125-hour internship at the host company or organisation. During the internship, the student participates in the activities of the host organisation, taking part in 'routine' projects and operations or in specific projects, and contributing with the competencies they have acquired during their studies (strategic thinking, market studies, brand studies, impact analyses, opinion surveys, design and feasibility studies of new products, policy evaluations, communications campaigns, etc.).

Internships normally take place in the months of May and June, depending on the timetable agreed upon by the host organisation and the student. However, the period may be adapted to either the student or the company.

The student usually uses the work they have completed during the internship to form the basis of their Master's Thesis. It is also possible, although there is no obligation on the part of the host organisation, for the relationship with the student to continue beyond the period designated for the internship, for example, in the form of a paid extra-curricular internship or an employment contract.

Students have two tutors assigned: by one hand, an academic tutor by the Faculty, who is responsible for monitoring the academic quality of the work completed by the student and for supervising them during the Master's Thesis. By the other, and a professional tutor in the company where the internship takes place, whose basic functions are to draw up a work plan, monitor the internship, participate in the evaluation of the internship and to guide the student in the preparation of a report on the work completed and the learning outcomes obtained.

The training experience would be governed by an academic collaboration agreement signed between the URV and your organisation. The arrangement would not constitute any form of legal employment contract between your organisation and the student or the URV. This also means that you would also not have to pay a wage to the student or make any social security payments on the student's behalf, although if you wanted to you could offer some form of payment or grant. The student would also be covered by their academic insurance

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