**Talented interns from Aarhus University

What is an internship?**

Students on the Master’s degree programme in International Studies have the option of doing an internship, which normally takes place in the autumn semester to fit in with the rest of their programme.

An internship is a learning process and a mutual partnership in which the student takes part in the daily life of your company/organisation and helps to perform tasks for you.

The student does not receive a salary.

 **What can a Master’s student of International Studies do for you?**

With an intern from International Studies, you gain a highly valuable and resourceful young colleague who has been accepted in a demanding degree programme. Students are educated on a high academic level, able to understand international complexities both very fast and comprehensively. They are trained to look at real-world scenarios with analytical eyes from various disciplinary perspectives. The intellectual versatility of International Studies students makes them a particularly valuable asset. We make sure that our students receive a robust skillset, too. They are trained in international project management, and they have gained a string of transferable skills – all rooted in real job experiences.

**What’s the role of a project host?**

You must give the student tasks which are relevant for their academic area, as well as giving them a contact person in your company/organisation who can provide the student with regular feedback.

Before the student starts, you both need to fill in a joint [project agreement](https://studerende.au.dk/fileadmin/studerende.au.dk/Arts/Undervisning/Projekt_-_praktik/Formular_Aftale_om_projektorienteret_forloeb_Arts.pdf). The student is responsible for filling in this agreement.

We recommend that you invite the student to a meeting before the internship starts to discuss what kind of tasks you expect the student to be involved in.

In the past, project hosts have also appreciated the value of regular status meetings to ensure that the expectations of both parties are balanced throughout the internship.

**What demands does the university make on students who are doing an internship?**

In addition to being a part of your company/organisation, the student must also take part in supervision and teaching at the university, as well as spending time preparing their thesis. The internship ends in an exam which the student also needs time to prepare.

So project hosts should be prepared for the fact that the students will need time to fulfil their responsibilities to the university.

**Contacting the university during internships**

Most of the contact and dialogue will take place between you and the student.

Your contact at Aarhus University will be the student’s academic supervisor, and you are always welcome to contact this supervisor if any questions arise. The supervisor’s contact information will be shown in the project agreement.

You can read more about [internships](https://arts.au.dk/samarbejde/samarbejde-med-studerende/samarbejdsmuligheder/praktik-og-projektorienteret-forloeb) and find information about the framework for insurance, copyright and remuneration [here.](https://www.au.dk/samarbejde/samarbejde-med-studerende/projektorienterede-forloeb-i-virksomheder-og-organisationer/information-om-projektorienterede-forloeb)

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