**Talented interns from Aarhus University

What is an internship?**

Students on the Master’s degree programme in Linguistics 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 Linguistics do for you?**

Students from the MA in Linguistics are skilled in explaining how humans use language. They have the knowledge and skills required to describe and analyze the grammatical structure, sound systems, and cultural contexts of language. They have deep knowledge of how language is related to human psychology, and they understand how language develops through childhood. They have skills in qualitative analysis of language use, and they can design experiments and conduct statistical analyses related to language data. Students from the MA understand modern language technologies, including large language models, and they can develop their own computational tools to analyze text data. They can understand and analyze how people speak and understand specific languages, like Danish and English, but they can also step back and understand how language works in its most general sense. They have systematic knowledge of how languages differ from one another. They also understand how language can be used strategically in communication.

**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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