**Talented interns from Aarhus University   
  
What is an internship?**

Students on the Master’s degree programme in European 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 contributes to solving tasks for you.

The student may not receive a salary.

**What can you expect from a Master’s student of European Studies?**

MA-students enrolled in our international program of European Studies are very enthusiastic about their internships and eager to test their knowledge and skills in practice. As a company or an institution, you will receive an intern with qualified knowledge about Europe and the EU and academic competences that enable the intern to perform multiple tasks. This can be concrete tasks of organizing and carrying out projects in a domestic or international setting based on comprehensive skills in cultural and political analysis or working with a particular method.

Studying in English and in an international and cross-disciplinary classroom prepares our students for an intercultural labour market and motivates them to take personal ownership of job tasks, to cooperate with others on problem solving, to work consistently, and to reflect on links between theory and practice.

**What is the role of a project host?**

You must allocate tasks to the student that are relevant for their academic competences and provide them with an in-house supervisor who can give the student 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 having it filled in. We recommend that you invite the student for a meeting before the internship starts to discuss the kind of tasks you expect the student to perform. Project hosts often appreciate the value of regular status meetings to ensure that the expectations of both parties are met 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 at the university (typically online) and spend some time preparing for their MA-thesis. To pass the exam associated with the internship, the student must submit a report, which they will also need time to prepare. We mention this so that all project hosts are aware of the fact that the students will need some 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-og-yngre-forskere/rekrutter-studerende-via-jobbankaudk/projektorienterede-forloeb-i-virksomheder-og-organisationer/information-om-projektorienterede-forloeb)

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