

Internship MSc in Pharmaceutical Sciences Information for companies and students

Students can choose to undertake an internship as part of the Master's programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences. The internship takes place outside universities, the main locations being: pharmaceutical industry, consultancy, health and regulatory authorities and hospitals.

1. Aims of the internship

In an internship the students should experience the professional handling of questions in the field of pharmaceutical sciences through their own practical activities and be able to implement the knowledge gained, by

- analysing problems in their complexity and developing solutions in a conceptual way,
- experiencing the aspects of an everyday working environment,
- acquiring key skills,
- establishing contacts for prospective careers.

2. Time of the internship

The internship is normally carried out in the 2nd semester of the Master's programme. It lasts at least 12 weeks and is awarded with 10 credits. Other placements are possible, e.g. at the end of the programme.

3. Internship agreement

The company and the student set up in advance an internship agreement, which is approved by the IPW supervisor, i.e. a lecturer from the teaching staff at the Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (IPW) at ETH. The internship agreement must include a project description and the tasks of the trainee. (see under [Documents](#) on programme website)

4. Contract and salary

The company may conclude a contract with the student. In general, students are not paid. A salary remains at the discretion of the company.

5. Supervision

Great value is placed on the student being accompanied by a competent person during the internship. The company appoints a responsible person. A lecturer from the teaching staff at the IPW at ETH will be responsible for a formal supervision and also assesses the final report.

6. Secrecy aspects

The company must make the trainee aware in good time of all confidential information. The report is in principle open to public scrutiny within IPW. Parts of the

report that contain confidential information are therefore kept separately and presented only to the lecturer for assessment, if necessary with suitable anonymization of sensitive matters.

7. Completion of the internship: report, letter of reference and evaluation

At the end of the internship, the student draws up a formal report (3-5 pages). The report contains an introductory description of the enterprise, in the main part it summarises the work performed by the trainee, in the final part the outcomes on the professional and on the personal level are presented.

The trainee receives from the company a written confirmation of the completed internship, if possible also an assessment of their work, work attitude and perception during the internship in the form of a letter of reference.

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