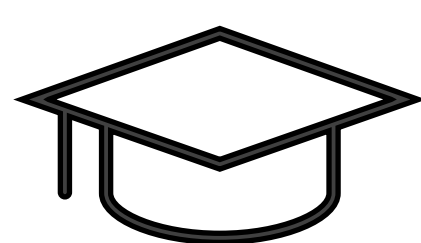


PSYCHOLOGY MASTER INTERNSHIP

SUMMARY FOR ORGANIZATIONS

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This document summarizes the internship manual. The full internship manual can be requested from the internship coordinators.



BACKGROUND

During the internship, as a mandatory part of the MSc Psychology programme, students take the first steps in their future occupational field as a young professional.

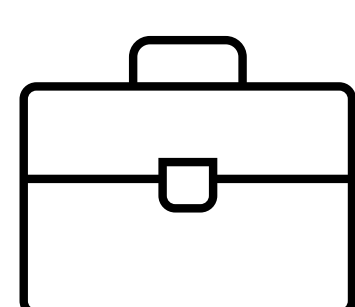
Students can decide to do either an external or internal internship:

- **External internship:** At an organization other than the UT

The organisation provides the daily supervisor (at least 1 hour supervision per week). The UT provides an UT supervisor who guides the process from the psychology programme by having approximately 3-5 meetings with the student and the organization supervisor.

- **Internal internship:** At the UT

UT departments can offer internal internships projects related to education, research and management. A lecturer/researcher is the daily supervisor (at least 1 hour supervision per week).

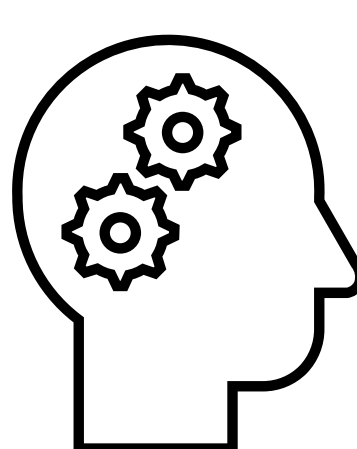


THE INTERNSHIP

- Enables the student to explore and experience the role of a Psychologist as a young professional
- Complex and scientific assignment with a psychological component: the internship project is open to a broad interpretation, varying from writing an advisory report or carrying out a literature review or designing a tool or assessment instrument. The topic should fit within the Master track specialization.
- The internship amounts to 10 EC (280 hours), which working on the internship project, reflective report and attending internship workshops. The internship lasts approximately 3 days a week during 10 weeks (ca. 28 hours) during one quartile. In parallel to the internship, students spend 1-2 days a week on another course.
- Students can start an internship around mid-November (influx September) or mid-April (influx February)
- In case a more extensive project is desired, there are possibilities to follow-up on the internship with a master thesis, in consultation with the internship and master thesis coordinator of the track

INTERNSHIP PROJECT AND INTERNSHIP ACTIVITIES

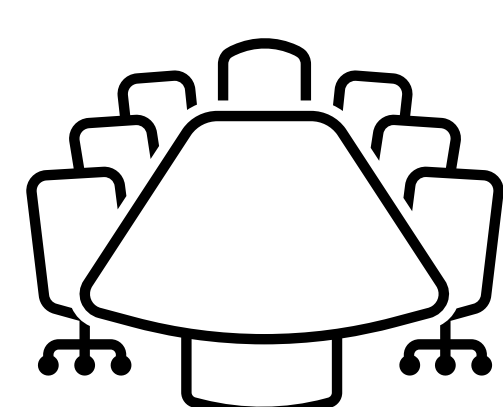
The Master's internship consists of an internship project (50-80% of the time) and internship activities (20-50% of the time):



- **Internship product**

The internship project should be a project or an assignment that would normally be carried out by a psychologist in a professional setting. It should be a project that will make a valuable contribution to the internship organization. The level of the internship project should be compatible with the knowledge and skills the student can be expected to have in the Master's phase of the programme. It is therefore essential that students use academic literature to carry out an in-depth study.

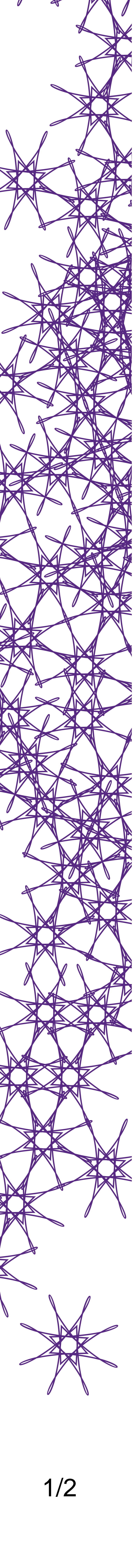
Examples of possible internship assignments are writing a policy plan or an advisory report; designing a website, app or other tool; writing a 'factsheet'; designing a flyer; developing a manual; developing an assessment instrument; designing a course or workshop; or writing a research report/scientific article/systematic review, etc..



- **Internship activities**

In addition to the internship project, before starting the internship, the student formulates the internship activities and/or tasks that the organization providing the internship expects of the student. Students are expected to contribute to day-to-day work at the organization.

Possible internship activities include attending departmental meetings; assisting a colleague with relevant tasks; attending client visits; organizing part of a training or workshop; and testing products or tools.



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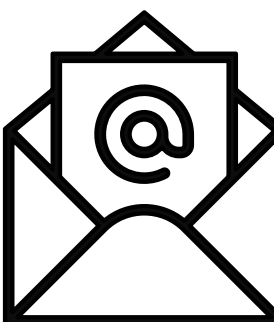
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INTERNSHIP CONDITIONS

The educational programme has set out a number of conditions that the internship must comply with in order to be considered suitable:

The student/intern...	The internship organization...
1 Practical conditions	
...is responsible for coordinating the internship planning, making arrangements and meeting deadlines, etc.	...provides a workplace for the intern
...is present at the internship on the agreed dates and at the agreed times	...provides an organisation supervisor with an academic background (preferably a psychologist)
...receives 1 hour of supervision a week	...the organisation supervisor provides at least 1 hour of supervision a week and guides the intern to attend the learning goals formulated for the master internships
...pays their own transport costs, unless otherwise stated by the organisation	...makes sure that the intern is able to complete the internship project and write a report within the internship period
...attends meetings with the UT supervisor and any other study-related obligations, including the obligatory internship workshops, at the University of Twente	...allows the intern to attend meetings with the UT supervisor and any other study-related obligations at the University of Twente
2 Content conditions	
...applies the knowledge acquired during the MSc programme to gain practical experience	...allows the intern to carry out tasks and activities that are relevant to the intern's MSc specialisation
...devises an internship project together with the internship organisation and the UT supervisor	...devises an internship project with the student and the UT supervisor. The internship project should be a project that could be carried out by a psychologist in a professional setting, with scope for an in-depth academic study
...completes the internship project to a large extent independently (at the level of a novice professional) and makes use of academic and specialist literature when doing so	...allows the intern to carry out other activities in addition to the internship project, so that the intern can gain a good impression of the organisation and the professional field. Possible activities include attending meetings and client visits, and taking part in a course or a workshop with colleagues
...contributes to day-to-day work at the organisation	
...uses the internship to explore the field in which psychologists practise and expand his or her network	
...behaves professionally in the workplace	



CONTACT INTERNSHIP COORDINATORS

Organizations that are interested in offering an internship should determine which Master's specialization the internship would be relevant for ([Specialisations | Psychology \(utwente.nl\)](#)) and contact the corresponding contact person. The internship coordinators can also send you the full internship manual.

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