



Thesis-Internship Programme (TIP) Information for students

Combine your thesis and internship – launch your career

At SBE, you can now combine your master's thesis with an internship (the Thesis-Internship Programme, or TIP). You conduct research on a pressing topic in a real company, and at the same time gain professional experience and contacts to kick-start your career.

What does it involve?

The TIP programme is entirely individualised. What are your academic interests? What sector or industry do you want to

work in? Based on your answers, you direct your search for a research topic and host organisation.

Together with the organisation, you then narrow down the research area to a specific problem. Doing consumer research for a high-tech startup? Measuring a stockbroker's performance in a way that emphasises social impact? The best research topic is one that is interesting for both company and student, and that can be studied from both an academic and a practical point of view.

Your task is to investigate the problem using rigorous academic methods, and translate the findings into an innovative, forward-looking solution for your company. In addition to your thesis for UM, you produce an executive summary and deliver a presentation to the company board.

Where can I do my internship?

You can identify your ideal company yourself. It may be large or small, in any industry or sector: as long as the office is within daily commuting distance from Maastricht. SBE will help you make the proper arrangements with the company and company supervisor.

Alternatively, you can apply for one of the thesis internships that companies already offer through SBE. Participating companies in the Netherlands and Germany include Deloitte, Henkel, JPE and Rabobank. The SBE departments announce relevant projects via email or on their webpages.

How do I benefit?

TIP gives you the opportunity to:

- apply academic theory to a real-world business case
- learn professional skills and behaviour
- enhance your network and experience
- get in a good position to launch your career.

Unique opportunity

"I started my TIP in July 2015 with the company Boston Scientific, a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of medical devices located in Kerkrade, The Netherlands. Not only was I able to have access to in-company data that became invaluable to my thesis research, I was also able to help out on a problem the company has been having for some time. The results of my research sparked much debate amongst the various departments, to the point where they decided to keep me on-board to implement my recommendations. I would highly recommend the TIP, not only for the academic and professional experience, but also for the large opportunities regarding the start of your career."

Nick Ummels
MSc IB Supply Chain Management
(TIP intern at Boston Scientific)



Comparison of TIP internship and regular internship

	TIP Internship	Regular internship
Duration	3 to 6 months part time (2 to 3 days/week)	At least 8 weeks (320 hours) and no more than 26 weeks full time
Status	Part of master's programme	Extracurricular
Objective	Conduct research for master's thesis	Gain work experience Conduct research Enhance job prospects
Assessment	Master's thesis Executive summary + presentation to board of internship organisation	Internship report
End date of studies	1 year after start of master's programme (provided you meet all requirements)	1 year of master's programme + internship period

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Potential students: www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/sbe/tip

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