## **EPICUR Internship Exchange Programme**

The <u>EPICUR</u> Internship Exchange Programme is an innovative mobility programme for Bachelor and Master students that connects the regions of the European University by offering students cross-border internships in one of the EPICUR universities' locations.

This Internship Programme combines on-site internships or virtual internships with online learning elements that allow students to acquire essential skills for their future profession in times of growing globalisation and digitalisation and interact with other participants in the programme from different countries. Additional components, e.g., intercultural trainings, are offered to all participants of the programme.

The 2- to 5-month EPICUR internships will be offered between February and June 2022.

## Formats of internships

The second run of the programme starts in February 2022 with two different formats of internships:

## Internships at private enterprises

Internships at private enterprises offer advanced bachelor and master's students the opportunity to gain work experience at successful start-ups. Located in the regions of the EPICUR universities, many start-ups bring innovation to their regions in different fields.

## Internships at civil society organisations as part of an intercultural Service-Learning Course

Service learning combines an innovative way of academic learning with civic engagement in an organisation of the third sector\*. By working on a voluntary basis at one of our partner organisations, you gain work-based experience and strengthen your civic engagement and intercultural skills. The interns at civil society organisations take part in the intercultural service-learning course (compulsory), which provides space to reflect on academic topics and individual experiences. The online course starts on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 and runs until 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 biweekly on Thursdays from 13:00 to 14:30 CET.

**ECTS recognition is not yet regulated.** A recognition of 6 ECTS may be possible, provided that the internship and service-learning course have been successfully completed and that you received **prior approval** from the appropriate authorities **at your home university**!

\* Organisations of the third sector: NGOs, welfare associations, political and church organisations, theatres, cultural organisations, emerging initiatives, foundations, environmental agencies, and social enterprises.

Find more information on the course <u>here</u>.

### All internship positions will be available in mid-September on

## **EPICUR Inter-University Campus (EIUC)**

If you have any questions about the internship programme, please contact <u>internships-epicur@intl.kit.edu</u>

### **Requirements for participation**

### Admission criteria:

- Enrolment at an EPICUR university
- Previous academic training  $\geq 60 \text{ ECTS}$
- Language proficiency:
- English (minimum B2 CEFR)
- The internship provider may require other additional language skills (details will be available in the position description)
- \* Different language certifications are accepted (see further details below)

**Desired** is an openness to work in an international environment and for online encounters and using (new) digital tools.

Participants from all degree programmes are welcome (depending on the position requirements).

## Application:

- » Choose one of your desired position from the listed institutions to apply
- » Submit the application by 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (deadline); further information will follow!

## Remark: The applicant should refrain from contacting the organisations or enterprises directly.

### **Application documents**

- » Transcript of records in English
- If possible, the transcript should contain the grade point average (GPA) of the current semester
- » Previous degree of studies (only for master's students)
- » C.V. (in English)

**»** Letter of motivation in English (the template will be available from the start of the application phase by mid-September on the EPICUR Inter-University Campus (EIUC))

- » Language certificate\*
- » Certificate of enrolment at your home university
- » If available: Certification of previous work-experience or civic engagement

\*Accepted language certificates: Official language certificates such as TOEFL and Cambridge, certificates from university language courses or from official language schools, signed letter from a language instructor at your university stating the level you achieved (CEFR)

#### Information on funding issues:

Please check funding opportunities such as the Erasmus+ Traineeship programme or further national fundings at your home university.

# SAVE THE DATE:

Join us for a virtual info session on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 from 13:00-14:30 CET! Registration via e-mail: <u>internships-epicur@intl.kit.edu</u>