

Department of Computer Science University of Antwerp

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Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Thank you for your interest in collaborating with the department of Computer Science at the University of Antwerp. We deliver a high-quality educational experience such that our students are able to think critically, develop innovative solutions, and work effectively within teams. To further enhance the professional experience of our master students, we seek internship opportunities that align with these principles by offering substantive and challenging projects in software development, artificial intelligence, data analysis, algorithms, modeling, and simulation. In this manner, students can graduate with hands-on experience in a professional setting and are more prepared for their future careers.

To ensure a meaningful internship experience, we expect companies to provide projects that are relevant to the academic background of our students. Additionally, we want our interns to be integrated into the company's professional environment and contribute to a project, allowing them to develop technical skills and professional competencies. Companies are expected to assign a company mentor who offers guidance and feedback throughout the internship, fostering the student's growth and ensuring a productive collaboration. In return, our students are expected to take initiative, apply their knowledge, engage with their team, and demonstrate professionalism in their work.

The internship requires at least 18 full working days, amounting to 144 hours, ideally spread over a period of 9 weeks. The schedule can be flexible, allowing students to complete their internship during the academic year or the summer period, depending on their availability and the needs of the company. To ensure an in-depth learning experience, students are required to work on-site for at least half of the internship period, actively engage with their team, and participate in company workflows. The project should involve meaningful tasks that challenge the student's problem-solving abilities and technical skills rather than administrative or purely operational work. To guarantee a structured learning experience, students will submit regular progress updates and maintain communication with both their company mentor and university supervisor.

At the end of the internship, students are assessed based on a final report and a presentation in which they reflect on their work, contributions, and professional growth. The company mentor provides structured feedback on technical skills, collaboration, and project contributions through an evaluation form and is expected to attend the final presentation. The internship is evaluated on a pass/fail basis, with the final decision made in consultation between the company mentor, the university supervisor, and the internship coordinator. If you are interested in collaborating with us and offering an internship opportunity, please contact our stage coordinator.

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