The SCS Internship Program

The Swiss Chemical Society (SCS) Internship Program supports the exchange of students between universities and industry, governmental laboratories as well as non-profit organizations. It recently opened a portal for students to post their applications, and for employers to present available internship positions. www.internships.scg.ch is a market place for both, students and employers.

Internships are limited-time real work experiences offered to students who seek to gain insight into the professional work environment. They provide an opportunity for students and employers to interact, to exchange skills and know-how, and to possibly establish a lasting relationship: Often, employers recruit young employees from their best interns.

This service is free of charge for student- and corporate members of the SCS. Students who are not members of the SCS are still welcome to browse through the offers and to apply for a position.

A visit to www.internships.scg.ch will tell you more!

How does an employer post an offer?

Offers can be made by companies, consulting firms, startups, governmental agencies or non-profit organizations interested in hiring university students as interns.

To receive a login to this portal, please send a request to info@scg.ch. Non-members first need to apply for SCS corporate membership.

To post an offer, you will need to login to the portal. When posting the offer, you will be asked to provide a number of keywords to allow the students to search for specific items (area of activity, company location, starting date and duration of the assignment). For each offer, you will have the option to set a link to an internship opportunity posted on an external source (company Web page, third party Web site).

The summary of each offer is visible to all. However, the job description and contact details are visible only to students who are either members of the SCS, or who received a login to this portal.

How does a student post an application?

Applications for an internship can be posted by university students enrolled in a BSc, MSc or PhD program. The service is free of charge for student members of the SCS. Other students, including students of universities abroad (EU and other) are welcome to use the service too; however, they need to become student members of the SCS first.

To post an application, you first need to have a login to this portal, i.e. become a registered user. After receiving clearance by the SCS office, you will be able to proceed, i.e. to fill out the application form, and to upload your application documents.

Your application will be visible to all employers who are corporate members of the SCS.

What is an Internship: Q&A

What are the benefits of an internship for students and for employers?
Through an internship, a student will:
- experience corporate life and culture
- obtain a better understanding of his/her role as a professional, i.e. obtain a more concrete occupational profile
- establish first professional contacts to an employer, i.e. start establishing a network outside academia

An employer, on the other hand, will:
- get access to newly trained young talent
- get access to specific skills and know-how
- be able to extend the pool of candidates for the recruitment of future employees with known skills and capabilities

What kind of work will I be doing?
It is expected that the student will have exposure to “real-world problems” and will be given the opportunity to experience the corporate culture.

Do I get a salary as an intern?
Yes, the Swiss labor law requires compensation to interns even though this is part of their professional training.

Do I need to be an SCS member to apply for an internship?
No, you don’t necessarily have to be an SCS member! To browse through the (complete) offers, you will have to get a login to the portal and create a user profile.

If you wish to post an application, you will have to be or become a member. Student membership is 50 CHF per year and gives you a number of other benefits.

Is the program for students of Swiss universities only?
No! Students of universities outside Switzerland are welcome to use the portal. In order to view the offers and to apply for an internship, you will need to register as a student. As a foreign student you are welcome to become a member of the SCS, which will also allow you to post an application.

Are there internships offered by employers outside Switzerland?
Most of the internships offered are for positions in Switzerland. However, many of the SCS corporate members are active globally and will therefore present opportunities abroad.

I am already enrolled in a PhD program; can I still apply for an internship?
You would have to interrupt your PhD studies to do an internship. For students who completed their doctoral studies, most companies have other programs (fellowships and other). The best moment to do an internship here in Switzerland is right after completion of you BSc or MSc studies.

www.internships.scg.ch is a resource for both, students and employers. It assists our students’ transition from academic training to professional life, and it gives Swiss employers access to newly trained young talent.

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Until February 15, 2019:
Swiss university students are welcome to post their applications for free!
No SCS membership required.

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