



PROGRAMME

R&I Internships Programme
2023

CALL NAME

INTERNSHIPS/0123

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INTRODUCTION

The Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF) announces the «Research and Innovation Internships» Call and invites beneficiaries to submit an expression of interest. Through the Call, RIF invites innovative enterprises to express their interest to host students for the purposes of providing opportunities for preliminary training in Research and Innovation (R&I) activities.

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this Call is to nurture an R&I Culture, by significantly improving the knowledge and skills of undergraduate and postgraduate students in R&I, through the implementation of summer internships in innovative enterprises. At the same time, it highlights the emerging R&I ecosystem of Cyprus as an attractive career choice and gives the opportunity to innovative enterprises to draw new talents.

BENEFICIARIES

Expressions of interest can be submitted by enterprises that at the time of expression of interest have:

- either acquired a certificate of innovative enterprises,
- or are currently implementing a R&I project funded by the EC (either through the framework programme for Research & Innovation or through a European Partnership) and/or the Research and Innovation Foundation, excluding the programme “Innovation Vouchers”.¹

The enterprises must be legally established and active in territories under the control of the Republic of Cyprus.

➤ *The submission of expressions of interest by natural persons is not permitted.*

In the framework of the R&I Internships Call, enterprises may host undergraduate and postgraduate students regardless of the year of study, while it is also possible for students from abroad to take part in internships.

DURATION OF INTERNSHIPS

The minimum duration of each internship is thirty (30) consecutive working days, between 15/05/2023 – 30/09/2023 and activities must take place during the working hours of each enterprise.

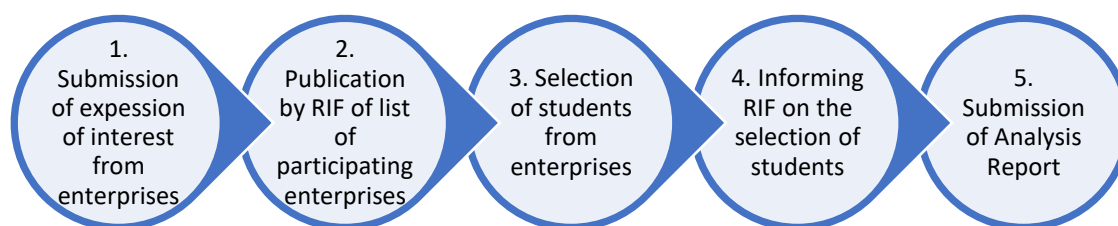
BUDGET

The total budget of this Call is €100.000 and the funding amount per student is €1.400.

The funding will be provided to the students as a sponsorship following the completion of the internships and the submission of an Activity Report.

¹ The project should be implemented at the time of expression of interest.

PARTICIPATION PROCEDURE



1. SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM ENTERPRISES

For the submission of an Expression of Interest, enterprises are required to complete an [online form](#) by the **7th of February 2023**, providing the following information:

- General Information and Description of Entity
- Contact Person and Details
- Number of interns that may be hosted by the Entity
- Internship Start and End Date
- Area of activity
- Internship objectives and Job Description
- Minimum Required Qualifications

2. PUBLICATION OF LIST OF PARTICIPATING ENTERPRISES

Following the completion of the submission of Expressions of Interest, the RIF will publish a list of participating enterprises on its website for students to choose the enterprises they wish to apply to for an internship. At this step, RIF will decide the initial number of interns each enterprise can host.

3. SELECTION OF STUDENTS FROM ENTERPRISES

The choice of students to take part in internships will be up to the participating enterprises, as announced on the RIF website.

For the purposes of participating in internships, students will therefore need to contact enterprises directly using the contact details of the persons in charge of the participation of each enterprise in the Call. Upon contacting enterprises, students will need to submit their Curriculum Vitae, a copy of their degree and/or Registration Certificate. The enterprises will then proceed to choose the students to undertake internships taking into account their CVs, the extent to which the minimum required qualifications are addressed and/or an interview procedure.

4. INFORMING RIF ON THE SELECTION OF STUDENTS

Participating enterprises will be required to inform the RIF regarding the students chosen for the purposes of carrying out an internship by the **10th of April 2023** through the relevant online form. This selection will follow the initial number of available interns decided during the 2nd step. In case the budget of the programme is not fully exhausted, RIF may allocate additional interns, taking into account the date and time of submission of the form informing RIF of the students chosen to participate in internships.

5. SUBMISSION OF ANALYSIS REPORT

At the end of each internship, the students are required to submit within one (1) month, an Activity Report to the RIF, including the extent to which the objectives of the internship were reached and a description of their overall experience. The Activity Report must be signed both by the student and the person in charge of the internship from the part of the enterprise.

INFORMATION – CONTACT DETAILS

For more information, interested parties should contact the RIF's Partner Support Center (tel: +357 22205000, email: support@research.org.cy).