

How to Use the SPARK Internship Platform

A practical guide for students and applicants

1. What is SPARK?

SPARK is the internship platform developed by CHARM-EU to connect students with research internship opportunities across partner universities in Europe. The platform provides access to internships hosted by approved research groups and institutions.

2. Who can use SPARK?

SPARK opportunities are mainly designed for:

- Bachelor's students
- Master's students
- PhD candidates
- Students interested in research mobility and international collaboration

Internships are offered through universities within the CHARM-EU alliance:

- University of Montpellier
- Trinity College Dublin
- University of Bergen
- Utrecht University
- Eötvös Loránd University
- Åbo Akademi University
- University of Barcelona
- Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg
- Hochschule Ruhr West

3. Accessing the Platform

- Step1 : Open the [SPARK webpage](#).
- Step 2 : Browse available internships.
- Steps 3 : Use filters such as:
 - Discipline
 - University
 - Duration
 - Academic level
- Step 4 : Open an internship to view details.

4. Understanding Internship Listings

Each internship page typically contains:

- Project title
- Host university
- Research discipline
- Internship duration
- Required profile
- Application instructions
- Contact information

5. How to Apply

- Step 1 : Select an internship: review the project description and confirm eligibility.
- Step 2 : Prepare documents:

Usually required:

- CV
- Motivation letter
- Academic transcript
- Proof of enrolment
- Step 3 : Contact the Supervisor: follow the instructions in the listing to contact the research group or coordinator.
- Step 4 : Submit Your Application: send the required documents before the stated deadline.

6. Tips for a Strong Application

- Tailor your motivation letter to the research topic.
- Highlight technical or laboratory skills when required.
- Demonstrate interest in international collaboration.
- Mention relevant coursework or projects.

7. Mobility and International Experience

SPARK internships are part of the broader CHARM-EU mobility ecosystem, which promotes:

- Intercultural collaboration,
- Challenge-based learning,
- International research experience.

Some internships may also connect with Erasmus+ mobility opportunities.

8. Frequently Asked Questions

- *Do internships provide funding?*

Some placements may be supported through Erasmus+ or institutional mobility schemes.

- *Can Bachelor students apply?*

Yes, some opportunities are open to Bachelor students, while others target Master's or PhD levels.

- *How long are internships?*

Duration varies from a few weeks to several months.

9. Additional Resources

[SPARK Internship Platform](#)

[Traineeship mobility at CHARM-EU](#)