

Higher and Technical Education Department Government of Maharashtra



INTERNSHIP POLICY

Guidelines and Procedures

University Logo

University Name

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1. Introduction

All the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are mandated to enable all the eligible students to take an active part in the Internship selection process. The Internship Cell constituted at the HEIs will extend all the possible support to the students. It will help in achieving the best-paid internship results in the given condition through the assistance and full cooperation of all the students, alumni, and recruiting organizations, making the HEI their most favored destination. The internship policy detailed hereunder will apply to academic session 2023-2024 onwards.

1.1. Background

The National Education Policy (NEP)¹, 2020 suggests that students must actively engage with the practical side of their learning as part of a holistic education to further improve their employability. It states that students at all HEIs will be provided with opportunities for internships with local industry and businesses as well as research internships with faculty and researchers at their own or other HEIs/research institutions.

University Grants Commission (UGC) released National Credit Framework (NCrF)² in April 2023. It underscores the significance of experiential learning as part of the curricular structure through internships, on-the-job training, industrial projects, etc. The focus is further streamlined through the Guidelines for Internship/Research Internship released later in October 2023.

In line with the NEP and tracing the provisions of NcrF, Government of Maharashtra has subsequently released two Government Resolutions (GRs)³ to reinforce NEP implementation and credit revision across Maharashtra HEIs. These GRs lay out detailed guidelines for curriculum interventions for Four Year UG Engineering and other UG AICTE courses, B.A./ B.Sc./ B.Com. (and all Non-AICTE UG courses), and M.A./ M.Sc./ M.Com. (and all PG courses).

To foster holistic education, which encompasses hands-on experience, the focus of Government now turns towards strengthening the internship ecosystem through a formalized Internship Policy. This strategic move comes as a response to the NEP's call for students to engage with practical learning through internships and apprenticeships, a practice proven to enhance employability and refine skill sets.

¹ NEP, 2020 (https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload files/mhrd/files/NEP Final English 0.pdf)

² National Credit Framework, UGC (https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/9028476 Report-of-National-Credit-Framework.pdf)

³ NEP GR dated – 1. 20 April 2023, and 2. 4 July 2023

1.2. Objective and Vision

Internships serve as pivotal educational and career development opportunities, offering handson experience in specific fields or disciplines. They are structured, short-term, supervised Internships often centered around particular tasks or projects with predefined timeframes. An internship may be compensated, partially compensated, or unpaid; however, it must be meaningful and beneficial to both the intern and the hosting organization.

Following are the objectives of the Internships envisaged for the students enrolled in State HEIs:

- Exposing students to industrial environments that cannot be replicated in a classroom.
- Providing opportunities to acquire and refine analytical and managerial skills crucial for a professional career.
- Offering hands-on experience in teamwork, thereby enhancing professional skills like communication, work ethics, conflict resolution, etc., with a lasting impact on lifelong learning and professional development.
- Establishing links between students and potential future job or research opportunities.

1.3. Types of Internships

Internships are an integral part of the academic curricula. Satisfactory completion of an internship is a mandatory requirement for the degree to be awarded by the HEI. Furthermore, considering the curriculum structure approved by the HEI, multiple modes of internships are possible and are assigned academic credits within the curricula. The general idea is to enable students to undertake immersive assignments within the organizations for a limited period.

The following is a brief overview of credit requirements in line with GoM GRs, UGC, and AICTE⁴:

- 12 credits of Internship activities may be accounted for UG Engineering (AICTE) courses.
- 12-14 credits of Internship activities may be accounted for B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. and all Non-AICTE professional UG degree courses.
- 10-12 credits of Internship activities may be accounted for M.A., M.Sc., M.Com. and all professional PG degree courses.

It must be noted that 1 credit is equivalent to minimum 30 hours of work. An intern is expected to spend 30 hours per week on Internship and related activities. Furthermore, Internships may be done through offline / online mode.

⁴ AICTE Internship Policy, 2017 (https://aicte-india.org/sites/default/files/AICTE%20Internship%20Policy.pdf)

However, indicative requirement regarding Internship duration and credits for Four Year UG Engineering and other UG AICTE courses is as follows:

Internship	Schedule	Duration	Activities	Credits
Semester Integrated Internship	6 th / 8 th Semester	full-time across semester with other courses on online mode	Project work, Seminar, Industrial Training (excluding credits for Advanced Courses). This can be Industrial/Govt./ NGO/MSME/ Rural Internship/ Innovation / Entrepreneurship / academic / industry research project	12

For B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. and all Non-AICTE professional UG degree courses, the indicative requirement regarding Internship duration and credits is as follows:

Internship	Schedule	Duration	Activities	Credits
Summers	After 4 th or 6 th Semester	4-8 weeks	Industrial/Govt./ NGO/MSME/ Rural Internship/ Innovation / Entrepreneurship	8
Winters	After 3 rd / 5 th Semester	2-4 weeks	Inter/ Intra Institutional Activities, Research Project, Community Engagement	2-4
Semester Integrated	6 th / 8 th Semester	can be part- time- duration can be as per HEI's discretion	Project work, Seminar (excluding credits for Advanced Courses)	2-4

^{*} Internship/Apprenticeship: 8 Credits + Field Projects/Community Engagement: 4-6 Credits

For M.A., M.Sc., M.Com. and all professional PG degree courses, the indicative requirement regarding Internship duration and credits is as follows:

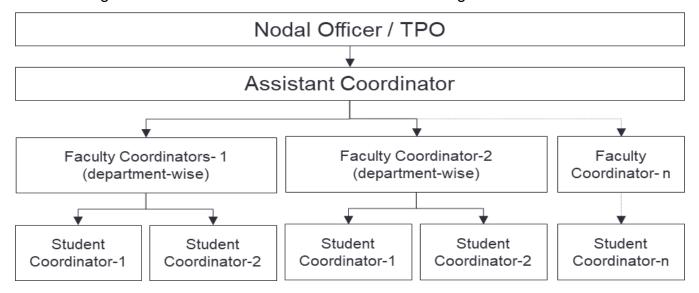
Internship	Schedule	Duration	Activities	Credits
Summers	After 2 nd Semester	4-6 weeks	Industrial/Govt./ NGO/MSME/ Rural Internship/ Innovation / Entrepreneurship	4
Semester Integrated	3 rd & 4 th Semester	can be part- time- duration can be as per HEI's discretion	Project work, Seminar, Industrial Training (excluding credits for Advanced Courses). This can be Industrial/Govt./ NGO/MSME/ Rural Internship/ Innovation / Entrepreneurship / academic / industry research project	10-12

During the internship registration, the students are to notify their preference on whether they are seeking academic or industrial internships.

2. Internship Cell

2.1. Governance Structure

For every HEI, the Internship Cell shall be led by Internship Governing Council comprising of Vice Chancellor/Dean/Principal, Nodal Officer/TPO, and Assistant Coordinator(s). The Cell will further have Department-level Faculty Coordinators. Additionally, Student Coordinators shall be appointed from each Department by the nominated Faculty for efficient outreach to students. The following chart illustrates the Governance structure envisaged for the Cell:



It must be noted that:

- The Nodal Officer/TPO and Assistant Coordinators shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor/Dean/Principal.
- Each HEI Campus will have an Assistant Coordinator reporting to Nodal Officer.
- The Nodal Officer shall report the progress and details of internships in each academic year to Vice Chancellor/Dean/Principal.

2.2. **Duties and Responsibilities**

The Internship Cell shall be responsible for the proper functioning of the Internship processes at the HEI. The overall role of the Cell is of a facilitator and counselor for Internship related activities. The brief activities of the Cell would include:

- The Cell shall work to identify projects linked to the local industry needs and create a pool available.
- The Cell is responsible to conceptualize a digital portal where they can register experts, industries, organizations, mentors, faculty members which are visible to students.

- Internship Cell shall maintain a uniform record-keeping mechanism. It shall also ensure that the evaluation rubrics are implemented as per the mandate of NEP, 2020, GRs released by Government of Maharashtra, and National Credit Framework by UGC.
- The cell shall streamline internship selection process including, but not limited to Resume Screening, PPTs, Tests, GDs, Interviews, etc.
- The Cell shall map students to student coordinators from the department. They are first
 point of contact in the Cell and would help throughout the process answering all queries
 and managing the whole process.
- The Student Coordinators in consultation with the department/school-level faculty shall carry out the task of resume verification at the start of the academic session.
- Internship Cell shall make a sincere effort every year to bring in new companies in upcoming sectors to ensure better and more diverse opportunities for students., the Cell shall make their best efforts in reaching out to the organizations preferred by students.
- The Cell shall work towards connecting with the organization and signing MOUs with them on the behalf of HEI to establish long-term collaboration for providing internship.
- The Cell shall organize preparatory events throughout the year. Information regarding the sessions will be provided to the students via mail and other mediums. The Cell shall collate and share reference books, sample questions, mock test papers among students.
- The Cell shall facilitate the onboarding of students for Internships, through online or offline medium, in line with Organization's requirements.
- The Cell shall ensure protection of students in case of any offenses by the organizations.
 The Nodal Officer/TPO shall be the final arbiter on such matters.

Additional functions of the Internship Cell include arranging experts for student's personality development, improve communication skills, vocabulary, prepare students for resume preparation & email writing, group discussion, interview skills, aptitude training & practice tests, technical report writing, presentation skills, foreign languages proficiency etc.

The department-level Faculty Coordinators and student coordinators shall act as facilitators between HEI, recruiters and students. The team will be responsible for managing databases, facilitating and overseeing outreach, addressing Internship-related Q&As, understanding and reporting student preferences, and resolving queries with respect to the internships.

Additionally, a Mentor shall be identified by the Internship Cell or by each students through their network. The role of a Mentor shall be to provide professional/research guidance to the student during the internship. They shall also facilitate networking with other subject matter experts/professionals, which will enhance the internship experience and learning of the students.

The department-level Faculty Coordinator and Mentors will be nominated at the start of the academic year for each department. Student Coordinators will be elected by the students through the process laid down by the Nodal Officer/TPO. These Student Coordinators, upon satisfactory performance and contribution, shall be promoted to being Student Placement Coordinators in their later years of study.

2.3. Organization Outreach

The Cell, through the powers vested by Nodal Officer/TPO, shall reach out to the prospective companies in a formal and professional manner. The primary outreach shall be inclusive of following processes:

- Development of Internship Brochure soft copy as well as hard copy.
- Preparing list of potential recruiters and past recruiters
- Preferences mentioned by students in their Internship Undertaking

On these lines, the HEI is mandated to create Industry / academic linkages with organizations and institutions for establishing long-term partnership in recruiting interns. These linkages are to be made accessible on the University portal. The HEI shall further enable these potential recruiters to register on public platforms like AICTE for better visibility of opportunities across Maharashtra.

2.4. Data Management

The Cell shall maintain a uniform database for Internships at department-level and HEI level. The Cell shall have a restricted access to the database. It shall have detailed profiles of students, their contact details, prior education & experience, academic credentials, location / sectoral preferences, and internship status (companies shortlisted, awaiting response, internship offer, etc.). This database shall have a common skeletal framework and it shall be archived every academic year. Additionally, the data pertaining to Organization profiles shall be revised and updated with organization POCs and their coordinates.

3. Internship Guidelines for Students

3.1. Eligibility and Timeline

All the bonafide students enrolled in the HEI are eligible for internships, provided they have two or fewer backlogs at the start of the odd semester of the academic year. The HEI shall, at the start of each academic year, specify the timelines pertaining to undertakings, resume submission deadlines, resume proof-checking and verification, organizing outreach, and selection process.

3.2. Internship Application

- The Internship Cell shall proactively inform the students when internship opportunities
 are floated along with the nature of internship, compensation structure, work
 mode/location, etc.
- Interested students shall give their names to the department coordinators, who shall pass them on to the Assistant Coordinator with their resume.
- Once the resumes are submitted to the organizations, the selection process shall start.
 The Cell will assist companies in scheduling pre-placement talks, tests, GDs, Interviews.
- Students are to strictly adhere to the schedule such events.

3.3. Code of Conduct

- Each student is eligible to accept at most one Internship offer through the process. They would be deregistered from the process after receiving the offer.
- Any off-campus opportunities given to the students must be reported to the HEI for subsequent procedures of relieving to take place in time.
- Students are required to dress in formal clothing and footwear with a presentable persona throughout the selection process. Casual clothing will not be allowed during any part of the whole process.
- If any student has any grievances with respect to termination and/or any penal action ordered by concerned HOD, then such student can submit his appeal in writing to the Nodal Officer/TPO, who shall be the final arbitrator on such matters.
- After performing exceedingly well in the Internship, the student may be provided with a Pre-placement Offer (PPO). It needs to be accepted/rejected by the student within the deadline as set forth by the organization. A student who accepts the PPO will be considered "placed" and de-registered from the Placement process. If a student rejects a PPO, they can appear for further placements with the cell without any restrictions.

3.4. Internship Evaluation

After completion of Internship, students are to prepare a comprehensive report highlighting their learnings and takeaways during the internship period. The report shall be signed by the Internship Supervisor, Nodal Officer/TPO and Faculty Mentor.

The students are mandated to give a seminar based on the internship undertaken before an expert committee constituted by the concerned department, as per Performa for Evaluation of Internship (Appendix IX).

The internship shall be evaluated on the basis of performance, as reflected in the student log (Appendix V), Attendance record (Appendix VI), supervisor evaluation form (Appendix VII).

The assessment of internship will be based on the following criteria:

- Quality and effectiveness of presentation
- Depth of knowledge and demonstrated skills
- Variety and relevance of learning experience
- Practical applications and relationships with concepts taught in the course
- Internship Report

Seminar presentation will enable sharing knowledge & experience amongst students & teachers and build communication skills and confidence in students. The weightage given to the Internship evaluation shall be as per the discretion of the concerned HODs and Nodal Officer/TPO. The credits will be allocated on the basis of overall grade (above Pass) received by the students during the assessment.

4. Appendix

4.1. Appendix I: Internship Undertaking

1. Student Name:				
2. Current Address	S			
3. Residence Add	ress			
4. Email id				
5. Mobile Nos.				
6. Aadhar				·
7. PAN				
8. Overall GPA				
9. Mode of Interns	ship		·	
10. Internship Pre	ferences			
	Location		Core Area	Organization / Institute
Preference-1				
Preference-2				
Preference-3				,
I confirm that I agre	ee with the	e terms, con	ditions, and req	uirements of the Internship
Policy				
Student Signature:				
Date				
Loopfirm that the	student he	ns attanded	the internehin o	prientation and has met all
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	•		•	ne internship program, and
has received appro	oval from h	nis/her ment	or.	
Sign of Department Faculty Coordinator				
	it Faculty (Joordinator		
Date				

4.2. Appendix II: Draft Resume Template

Name Contact Number and Email ID:	
Education	
HEI Name Degree / Specialization: CGPA:	Year
HEI Name: <bachelor's degree=""> Degree / Specialization: CGPA:</bachelor's>	Year
Internship / Work Experience	
Organization Project: Brief:	Year
Academic Experience	
Semester Project: Brief:	Year

- Emphasize accomplishments that are relevant to the field
- Be specific—omit unnecessary words and sentences
- Start your sentence with an action verb, not a passive one Use past-tense verbs to show what you have accomplished Quantify results as much as possible
- Use key words that will catch a recruiter's eye

Other Achievements and Personal Interests

- List other achievements also in reverse chronological order
- Leadership positions held outside of your formal work environment
- Personal interests and accomplishments that will distinguish you from other applicants
- Volunteer service/Social Work

4.3.	Appendix III: Organizatio	n Outreach Lo		
To,				
The (M	anager, HR)			
Subject	t: Request for weeks inte	rnship of Studen	ts pursuing < >	
Dear S	ir,			
and ed	El established in <year>, <hel> ucationalists. Institute is accre en recognized about it's over al</hel></year>	dited with '< >' g	rade by NAAC in	March 2015. The HEI
nas be	en recognized about it's over ai	i academic excei	ience and inirastri	ucture.
In view	of the above, I request your g	ood self to allow	our following (no.	. of students) students
for prac	ctical raining in your esteemed	organization. Kir	ndly accord your p	permission and give at
least or	ne-week time for students to joi	n training after co	onfirmation.	
S.No.	Name	Roll no.	Year	Department
The res	sumes of these students are att	ached with this le	etter. If vacancies	exist, kindly do plan for
Intervie	ws for the students in above br	anches.		
A line o	f confirmation will be highly apլ	oreciated.		
Yours s	incerely,			
Nodal (Officer/TPO			

<HEI Name and Date>

4.4. Appendix IV: Relieving Letter of Student

To.

<HEI Letter Head>

The Ge	The General Manager (HR)				
Subject	: Relieving letter of student				
Dear Si	r,				
Kindly r	efer your letter/e-mail dated	on the al	bove cited subject.	As permitted by your	
good se	elf the following students will und	dergo Industrial I	nternship in your e	steemed organization	
under y	our sole guidance and directior	า			
S.No.	Name	Roll no.	Year	Department	

This training being an essential part of the curriculum, the following guidelines have been prescribed in the curriculum for the training. You are therefore, requested to please issue following guidelines to the concerned student mentor.

- Internship schedule may be prepared and a copy of the same may be sent to us.
- Each student is required to prepare Internship diary and report.
- Kindly check the Internship diary of the student daily.
- Issue instruction regarding working hours during training and maintenance of the attendance record

You are requested to evaluate the student's performance on the basis of grading i.e. Excellent, Very Good, Satisfactory and Non-Satisfactory on the below mentioned factors:

- Attendance and general behavior
- Relation with workers and supervisors
- Initiative and efforts in learning
- · Knowledge and skills improvement
- Contribution to the organization

The performance report may please be forwarded to the undersigned on completion of training in sealed envelope.

Your efforts in this regard will positively enhance knowledge and practical skills of the students, your cooperation will be highly appreciated, and we shall feel obliged.

The students will abide by the rules and regulation of the organization and will maintain a proper discipline with keen interest during their internship. The students will report to you on dated..... along with a copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Nodal Officer/TPO <HEI Name and Date>

4.5. Appendix V: Student Diary (Log) Recording Format

Week	Tack Assigned	Activities	Key Learnings	Additional
vveek	Task Assigned	Performed	Rey Learnings	Remarks

Signature of Industry Supervisor

4.6. Appendix VI: Attendance Sheet

<Organization Letter Head>

Name & Address of Organization			
		-	
		-	
Name of the Student			
Roll Number			
Name of Course			
Date of Commencement of Training			
Date of Completion of Training			
	•		

Month and Year:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						

- Attendance Sheet should remain affixed in Daily Training Diary. Do not remove or tear it off.
- Holidays should be marked in Red Ink in attendance column. Absent should be marked as 'A'
 in Red Ink.

Name and Signature with date of Internship Superviso	r
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4.7. Appendix VII: Supervisor Evaluation of Intern

<Organization Letter Head>

Student Name:			Date:	
Work Supervisor:				
Organization:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Internship Address:				
Dates of Internship: From			To	
Please evaluate intern by indicate	ating the frequ	ency with whic	ch you obse	rved the following
behaviors:				
Parameters	Needs	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
	Improvement			
Behaviors				
Performs in a dependable				
manner				
Cooperates with co-workers				
and supervisors				
Shows interest in work				
Learns quickly				
Shows initiative				
Produces high quality work				
Accepts responsibility				
Accepts criticism				
Demonstrates organizational				
skills				
Uses technical knowledge and				
expertise				
Shows good judgment				
Demonstrates				
creativity/originality				
Analyzes problems effectively				

Is self-reliant							
Communicates well							
Writes effectively							
Has a professional attitude							
Gives a professional							
appearance							
Is punctual							
Uses time effectively							
Overall performance of student intern (circle one): (Needs improvement / Satisfactory / Good / Excellent)							
Additional comments, if any:							
Signature of Industry supervisor_							

HR Manager _____

4.8. Appendix VIII: Student Feedback of Internship

(To be filled by Students after Internship completion)

Student Name:	Date:_			
Industrial Supervisor:				
Supervisor Email:	Internship is:	Paid	Unpaid	
Organization:				
Internship Address:				
Faculty Coordinator:	Departm	ent:		
Dates of Internship: From	To			

Give a brief description of your internship work (title and tasks for which you were responsible): Was your internship experience related to your major area of study?

- Yes, to a large degree
- Yes, to a slight degree
- No, not related at all

Indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

This experience has:	Strongly	Agree	No	Disagree	Strongly
	Agree		opinion		Disagree
Given me the opportunity to explore a career field					
Allowed me to apply classroom theory to practice					
Helped me develop my decision-making and problem-solving skills					
Expanded my knowledge about the work world prior to permanent					
employment					
Helped me develop my written					
and oral communication skills					
Provided a chance to use leadership skills (influence others, develop ideas with others, stimulate decision-making and action)					

Expanded my sensitivity to the			
ethical implications of the work			
involved			
Made it possible for me to be			
more confident in new			
situations			
Given me a chance to improve			
my interpersonal skills			
Helped me learn to handle			
responsibility and use my time			
wisely			
Helped me discover new			
aspects of myself that I didn't			
know existed before			
Helped me develop new			
interests and abilities			
Helped me clarify my career			
goals			
Provided me with contacts			
which may lead to future			
employment			
Allowed me to acquire			
information and/ or use			
equipment not available at my			
Institute			

- In the Institute internship program, faculty members are expected to be mentors for students.
 Do you feel that your faculty coordinator served such a function? Why or why not?
- How well were you able to accomplish the initial goals, tasks and new skills that were set down in your learning contract? In what ways were you able to take a new direction or expand beyond your contract? Why were some goals not accomplished adequately?

•	In what areas did you most develop and improve?
•	What has been the most significant accomplishment or satisfying moment of your internship?
•	What did you dislike about the internship?
•	Considering your overall experience, how would you rate this internship? (Circle one)Satisfactory/ Good/ Excellent
•	Give suggestions as to how your internship experience could have been improved. (Could you have handled added responsibility? Would you have liked more discussions with your professor concerning your internship? Was closer supervision needed? Was more of an orientation required?)
	Signature of Student> Name, Roll number, Date>

4.9. Appendix IX: Performa for Evaluation of Internship by Institute <HEI Letter Head>

1.	Nam	ne of Student					
2.	Mob. No						
	Roll No.						
4.	Brar	nch/Semester					
5.	Peri	od of Training					
6.	Hom	ne Address with contact No					
		ress of Training Site:					
8.	Add	ress of Training Providing Agency:					
		ne/Designation of Training In- charge					
10.	Туре	e of Work					
11.	Date	e of Evaluation					
		ise rate the following:					
S.I	no.	Particular	Grade				
	1	Quality and effectiveness of presentation					
-	2	Depth of knowledge and demonstrated skills					
-	3	Variety and relevance of learning experience					
4	4	Practical applications and relationships with concepts taught					
;	5	Internship Report					
(6	Attendance record, student log, supervisor evaluation					
Overall grade:							
Additional Remarks:							
Sig	natu	re of Faculty Mentor					

4.10. Appendix X: Student Resources: Internship Programs and Platforms

Government Internship Programs

- AICTE Internship: https://internship.aicte-india.org/
- NITI Ayog Internship: https://www.niti.gov.in/internship
- TULP Internship Program: https://smartcities.gov.in/The Urban Learning Internship Program
- Directorate General of Foreign Trade Internship program: https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=intership-scheme
- National Commission for Scheduled Tribes Internship: https://ncst.nic.in/sites/default/files/2021/Internship/3677
- Corporate Affairs Ministry Internship program:
 https://www.mca.gov.in/bin/dms/getdocument?mds=aC%252B%252F82boz%252FD%252FdHcFkAAJ0A%253D%253D&type=open
- Finance Ministry Internship program: https://dpe.gov.in/schemes/scheme-internship
- Women and Child Development Ministry Internship program: https://wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/Internship%20Guideline.. 0.pdf
- Ministry of Culture Internship programs: https://nationalmuseumindia.gov.in/en/nationalmuseum-internship-programme

Online Platforms for Internships:

- Internshala: https://internshala.com/
- LetsIntern: https://letsintern.in/
- Twenty19: http://twenty19.com.testednet.com/
- HelloIntern: https://hellointern.co/
- Freshersworld: https://www.freshersworld.com/
- Youth4work: https://www.youth4work.com/
- Freshersnow: https://www.freshersnow.com/internships-in-delhi/
- Zuno by Foundit: https://www.foundit.in/zuno/
- LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/internship-jobs/?currentJobId=3647611763&originalSubdomain=in
- Well Found (earlier, AngelList Talent): https://wellfound.com/location/india
- Indeed: https://in.indeed.com/jobs?q=internships&l=&vjk=fd2d4f96a2564717
- Naukri.com: https://www.naukri.com/internship-jobs
- TimesJobs: https://www.timesjobs.com/jobs-by-roles/intern-jobs
- NGO Box: https://ngobox.org/job_listing.php
- CSR Box: https://csrbox.org/

5. Annexure- Frequently Asked Questions for Students

i. What is an internship?

An internship is a structured, short-term work experience usually offered by organizations and academic / research institutions to students to gain practical exposure in a professional setting. Key benefits of an internship include:

- Practical application of classroom learning in real-world scenarios.
- Professional-skill development including communication, teamwork, etc.
- Exposure to industry-specific processes and environments.
- Opportunities for networking and potential future job prospects

ii. How many hours do I need to complete to get the credits for my internship?

The number of hours required varies based on the credit allocation for different programs. It is generally equivalent to 30 hours of work per credit. Technical programs typically require 12 credits, while other undergraduate programs require 12-14 credits. On the other hand, postgraduate programs require 10-12 credits.

iii. When can I apply for Internship?

The application timelines and duration are specified at the beginning of each academic year. Students can apply as per the specified timelines. The Internship Cell shall facilitate the application process and provide support with preparation.

iv. What are the domains I can do my internship in?

Internship domains are diverse, encompassing both core and non-core areas. Core domains are related directly to the student's field of study. On the other hand, non-core domains offer opportunities for cross-disciplinary learning and skill development. The internships can be of the following nature (but not limited to):

- Internships with Industrial organizations, both Industrial and Government
- NGO, MSME, Rural Internship
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship activities
- Inter/ Intra Institutional Activities
- Academic / industry research project
- Project work, Seminar (excluding credits for Advanced Courses)

v. How can I apply for Internship?

Students can apply through multiple channels. They can leverage existing internship platforms and programs, as given in Appendix of this Policy. Apart from these portals, students are encouraged to network through alumni, faculty mentors, and industry experts to find the organizations that suit their interests. They are also encouraged to engage in networking events, career fairs, and workshops organized by the HEI.

vi. What is the monetary compensation for my internship?

Compensation structures vary across internships and organizations. Some internships offer monetary compensation, while others may be partially compensated or unpaid. The focus remains on the quality and relevance of the internship experience.

vii. What should I write in my resume? Is cover letter Cover letter also necessary?

Resumes should highlight academic achievements, skills, previous experiences, and extracurricular activities relevant to the internship. A cover letter is recommended, showcasing the student's interest, qualifications, and suitability for the internship role. Students are required to follow a standard format for their Resume, as given in the Appendix of the Internship Policy.

viii. Can my internship lead to full time employment?

Internships often act as a gateway to potential future job opportunities within the hosting organization. However, full-time employment depends on various factors, including performance during the internship and organizational requirements. Students are required to report to the Internship Cell of any PPO made by the respected organization.

ix. How will my internship performance be assessed? Will the assessment affect my credits?

Internship shall be evaluated on the basis of quality and effectiveness of presentation, depth of knowledge and demonstrated skills, variety and relevance of learning experience, practical applications and relationships with concepts taught in the course, and Internship Report. Attendance record, student log, supervisor evaluation shall also be analyzed towards evaluation of the Internship. The credits will be allocated on the basis of overall grade (above Pass) received by the students during the assessment.

Can I work from home for the internship? X.

Depending on the nature of the internship and the organization's policies, remote work options might be available. However, compliance with the organization's requirements and maintaining communication with HEI is crucial.

xi. What if I find an internship, unaided by the University, i.e, through my own efforts? Students are free to find their own internship opportunities. They must inform the Nodal Officer/TPO and ensure compliance with internship guidelines.

xii. Whom can I contact for any clarifications / questions on internships and related processes?

For any queries or clarifications regarding internships and related processes, students can reach out to the designated Nodal Officer/TPO or the Faculty Coordinators at the Departmental level. If any student has any grievance with respect to termination and/or any penal action ordered by concerned HOD, then such a student can submit his appeal in writing to the Nodal Officer/TPO, who shall be the final arbiter on such matters.