

INTERNSHIPS IN THE EU AND COE

Institution	Period & Duration	Application Deadlines	Additional Information	Internet Address
European Commission General Secretariat <i>Blue Book Programme</i>	March 01 – July 31 October 31 – February 28 (5 months)	January 31 August 30	offer 950 internships per year; Paid with approx. 1,200€/month; 1 st circle of studies must be finished (BA or equivalent); also non-EU citizens can apply; includes EU agencies (ESA, EEAS etc.)	https://ec.europa.eu/stages/home_en
Council of the EU General Secretariat	February 01 – June 30 September 01 – January 31 (5 months)	June/July February/March	offer approx. 100 paid (approx. 1,200€/month) and 20 unpaid internships (for compulsory university internships) per year; 1 st circle of studies must be finished (BA or equivalent); only EU citizens and citizens from candidate countries that have concluded EU accession negotiations	https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/general-secretariat/jobs/traineeships/

European Parliament <i>Schuman</i> <i>Traineeship</i>	March 01 – July 31 October 01 – February 28 (5 months)	November 30 June 30	offer 900 internships per year; monthly grant depending on home country (GER: approx. 1,400€) 1 st circle of studies must be finished (BA or equivalent); also non-EU citizens can apply; application for direct positions (<i>homepage</i>)	https://ep-stages.gestmax.eu/website/application-informations
European Parliament MEP bureaus	students can request the availability of internships at the Brussels or home bureaus of MEPs (Members of Parliament). Often MEPs accept only candidates from their electoral district. Payment may vary by the MEP. Unsolicited application or application for a publicly announced internship (on website, social media). Application usually well in advance necessary.			
European Parliament Secretariats of Political Groups	Internships are usually announced on website. Political Groups in the European Parliament: EPP, S&D, Renew Europe, Greens-EFA, GUE-NGL, ECR, ID			
Committee of the Regions	September 16 – February 15 February 16 – July 15 (5 months)	March 31 September 30	Paid with approx. 1,200€/month; 1 st circle of studies must be finished (BA or equivalent); non-EU citizens may be selected exceptionally	https://cor.europa.eu/en/about/Pages/traineeships.aspx

European Economic and Social Committee	September 16 – February 15 February 16 – July 15 (5 months)	March 31 September 30	Paid with approx. 1,200€/month; 1 st circle of studies must be finished (BA or equivalent); non-EU citizens may be selected exceptionally	https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/work-with-us/traineeships/long-term-traineeships
Council of Europe <i>no EU institution</i> <i>based in Strasbourg</i>	March 01 – July 31 September 07 – January 31	not yet announced prob. mid March	offers 160 internships per year; 1 st circle of studies must be finished (BA or equivalent); only open to citizens of member states (48 member states; nothing to do with EU!); will be renumerated from September 2020 on but amount not yet announced.	https://www.coe.int/en/web/jobs/traineeships

General remarks:

- Deadlines end often at noon (12 p.m. Brussels time), not midnight
- Applicants can choose areas of interest (law, policy, communication etc.) and/or favoured departments, but may be contacted also by other departments if application is interesting
- You can apply for all institutions at the same time

- You cannot apply if you have already done an internship for more than two months (some allow only 6 weeks) in an EU institution (including MEPs' bureaus)
- For most internships, you can apply until one year after the end of your studies (not every institution mentions it)
- You can also apply for separate translation internships in the institutions over the same application forms
- All applications online, proof/certificates not necessary right away, only when pre-selected
- Forms may be completed in English, French or German