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I. About this guide

Internships, research, career support and further learning

This guide is exclusively for students enrolled in the EC2U Master's in European languages, cultures and societies in contact. It brings together opportunities identified for these students by the universities of Salamanca, Turku, Jena, Pavia and Poitiers, covering practical experience, skills development, career planning and research.

EC2U is a European university alliance that connects universities and their local communities. Start with the university or activity that interests you and follow the contact details provided. Throughout this guide, "students" and "you" refer to students of the Master's in European languages, cultures and societies in contact.

A. Find the right starting point

- Salamanca — tourism, languages, research, international development cooperation and university retail. Pages 4–5.
- Turku — French teaching, career courses, online learning and doctoral study information. Page 6.
- Jena — intercultural work, digital industries, technology and career advice. Page 7.
- Pavia — international cooperation, European projects, businesses, innovation and media research. Pages 8-9.
- Poitiers — international relations, languages, literature and cultural studies. Page 10.

B. Before you apply

The opportunities in this guide are intended for students of the Master's in European languages, cultures and societies in contact. Availability, selection, payment, funding and participation conditions depend on the host and the activity. Contact the relevant organisation to check the current offer and requirements.

II. University of Salamanca

Spain | Tourism and language experience | Research, cooperation and business

The University of Salamanca works with local organisations and university services offering opportunities in languages, tourism, research, cooperation and business. Contact the relevant organisation directly to ask what is available.

A. Salamanca Municipal Tourist Office

Gain experience in multilingual visitor information, translation and review of tourist materials in a UNESCO World Heritage city. These activities are relevant to languages, translation, tourism and heritage studies. Other possibilities include volunteering at city festivals and cultural events, heritage routes and welcome activities for visiting EC2U groups and incoming students.

Contact: informacion@turismodesalamanca.com
Plaza Mayor, 32, 37002 Salamanca
Telephone: +34 923 21 83 42 / +34 902 30 20 02

You can also explore master's dissertation topics on cultural tourism, heritage interpretation and the city's image. City venues may host EC2U exhibitions and events open to the local community.

B. Cursos Internacionales

Cursos Internacionales de la Universidad de Salamanca (CIUSAL) provides language courses and services for international students. Opportunities include accompanying and mentoring international students, teaching English to schoolchildren and university students, translation projects, and international marketing of its programmes.

Contact: internat@usal.es
Plaza de Fray Luis de León 1–8, 37008 Salamanca
Telephone: +34 923 294 418

Cursos Internacionales website

C. SIPPE

For University of Salamanca students, internships carrying academic credit are arranged through the university's internship service, SIPPE, and require an educational cooperation agreement with the host. If you study at another university, ask your home institution and the host how to arrange the placement and recognition.

D. PEITI research opportunities

PEITI is the university unit supporting research development, knowledge transfer and international research collaboration. You can enquire about research stays in university groups and institutes, traineeships in research management and knowledge transfer, connections with research groups, and support for joint funding proposals.

Contact: +34 923 294 872
Edificio I+D+i, offices 14, 21.8 and 21.9
C/ Espejo, 2, 37007 Salamanca

E. International Development Cooperation Office

Explore field internships and volunteering in development cooperation projects with partner institutions abroad. The office also offers training on development cooperation, the UN 2030 Agenda and global citizenship, as well as activities that raise awareness within the university. Master's dissertations may be linked to cooperation projects.

Contact: Javier Martín Gutiérrez, International Cooperation Officer
cooperacionexterior@usal.es
Patio de Escuelas 6, 1st floor, office 13, Salamanca
Telephone: +34 923 294 400, extension 4558

F. Mercatus university shop

Mercatus is the official university shop. Opportunities include internships in retail, marketing, online sales, brand management and product design. The document also identifies student design competitions for EC2U merchandise, alongside jointly branded products and welcome items for alliance events and incoming students.

Contact: mercatus@usal.es
Calle Benedicto XVI, 22, 37008 Salamanca
Telephone: +34 923 294 692

G. How to get started

Contact the organisation that interests you. State that you are enrolled in the EC2U Master's in European languages, cultures and societies in contact, give your university and preferred dates, and explain the experience you are looking for. Ask which activities are currently available and how to apply.

III. University of Turku

Finland | Teaching, career development and further study

A. French Department internship

For students. RANS0059 Internship at the French Department — Stage au Département de français carries 5 ECTS.

Activities may include school visits to teach French or introduce French studies and the department, French tutoring for lower or upper secondary pupils, and teaching preparation and reflection. You write your internship report in French.

B. Career courses and mentoring

Career Services supports students with job searching and career planning. The identified activities are Job seeking in Finland (1 ECTS) and REKRY5 Mentoring Programme for Master's Degree Students (2 ECTS). The mentoring programme is specifically for master's students.

Career Services study guide for 2024–2027

Career courses and coaching

C. Online courses

Turku has four MOOCs, or massive open online courses, within its lifelong learning offer. Check each course's eligibility, registration arrangements and any credit conditions before enrolling.

AI & Cybersecurity

Cultural Memory and Social Change

Introduction to Business in Asia

Trade and Policy: International Tensions Influencing Businesses

EC2U overview of lifelong learning courses

D. Annual information session on doctoral studies

An annual information session that explains what it means to be a doctoral researcher, how to apply for doctoral studies and what funding opportunities may be available. It is intended for prospective doctoral applicants.

E. How to get started

Use the links above for course information and registration, or contact the relevant University of Turku service. Ask the French Department about the internship and the university about the next doctoral information session. Participation and credits depend on each activity's requirements; the supplied document does not give a specific contact or date for these two activities.

IV. Friedrich Schiller University Jena

Germany | Intercultural work, digital industries and career support

A. Interculture.de e.V.

This organisation provides intercultural training, coaching and projects. Explore internships in intercultural work and in the management of continuing education. Activities offer practical experience in adult education, training and organisational development; research cooperation is also identified.

Contact: info@interculture.de
Neugasse 5, D-07743 Jena | +49 3641 639130

B. dotSource SE

This digital agency works on consulting, digital systems and the strategic use of artificial intelligence. It offers internships and jobs alongside your studies in software engineering, e-commerce, digital marketing and consulting.

Contact: personalmarketing@dotsource.de
Goethestraße 1, 07743 Jena | +49 3641 5198022

C. Accenture Jena office

Explore internships, student employment and entry-level roles for graduates in an international business and technology environment. Other opportunities include university and recruitment events, career events, and exchanges with professionals on technology, digital transformation and career development. Ask which options match your profile.

Contact: studentjobsjena@accenture.com
Carl-Pulfrich-Straße 5b, 07745 Jena

D. Career Point

The university's career service provides individual career consultations, one-to-one coaching, career events and services for international students.

Contact: career@uni-jena.de
Am Planetarium 8, 07743 Jena | +49 3641 9401580

E. How to get started

Contact the organisation or service directly using the details above. State that you are enrolled in the EC2U Master's in European languages, cultures and societies in contact and ask about current opportunities, application requirements and participation arrangements.

V. University of Pavia

Italy | International projects, businesses and media research

A. GLOBEC international cooperation centre

For students. The Centre for Global Strategic Engagement supports university partnerships, international networks, cooperation projects and innovative mobility programmes. It also coordinates EC2U locally, including communication. Its CICOPS committee supports cultural, scientific and professional cooperation with universities in developing countries.

Ask GLOBEC which internships and part-time student jobs are available to students of this master's. The supplied internship link concerns an undergraduate call for 2025–2026, so confirm the appropriate application route. Separate job vacancies are also published.

Internship project list for the 2025–2026 call

Part-time student jobs

University job vacancies

Contact: ec2u.localcoordinators@unipv.it

B. Municipality of Pavia European Affairs Office

The European Affairs Office of the Municipality of Pavia, an associated partner of the EC2U Alliance, aims to effectively intercept and utilize European funds, positioning the city within a broad network of international relationships and partnerships with other local European communities.

The Office oversees all European funding programs of interest to the Municipality of Pavia: structural funds, European territorial cooperation funds, and directly managed funds.

The Office liaises with the various Departments of the Municipality of Pavia and manages the entire project lifecycle through:

- monitoring and disseminating information on European calls for proposals and programs, open calls, timelines, and relevant seminars and info-days to attend;
- collaborating with the relevant municipal offices to prepare application dossiers and develop project budgets;
- identifying and contacting local and international partners;
- assisting in the management and financial reporting of funded projects;
- collaborating on dissemination activities and project communications through the European Affairs Office website.

Contact: europa@comune.pv.it

C. Assolombarda

Assolombarda, an associated partner of EC2U, is the association of companies operating in the Metropolitan City of Milan and in the provinces of Lodi, Monza and Brianza, Pavia. Approximately 7.172 firms located in the Provinces of Milan, Lodi, Monza and Brianza, Pavia are associated to Assolombarda.

The mission of the Association is to protect and represent the enterprises' interests in dealing with the political world, with social and political organizations and with local authorities as well as with trade unions.

Assolombarda can be contacted by students willing to investigate about internships and job opportunities offer by member enterprises.

Contact: pavia@assolombarda.it

D. Polo Tecnologico di Pavia

The environment of the Polo Tecnologico in Pavia hosts and promotes the growth of local business ideas.

The company Polo Tecnologico di Pavia srl was founded in 2012, with the aim of managing the internal activities of a Science and Technology Park, a campus where to coexist and encourage the growth of customer businesses, combining a wide range of spaces and real estate services with training and networking opportunities.

The identity of the Polo embodies that of the cluster of companies based there: innovative, knowledge-intensive—often with strong technological content—companies embodying the entrepreneurial idea that boosted the foundation of the Polo.

Students may enquire about internships or job opportunities by contacting the companies based at its premises. The list of companies can be found at this web page

Contact: info@polotecnologicopavia.it

E. Osservatorio di Pavia

The Osservatorio di Pavia carries out researches and studies related to issues of social, political and economic interest. Thanks to these long-term activities the Osservatorio has gained credit at national and international level as a major centre in the field of media and democracy, pluralism, freedom of expression, sustainable development, good governance and human rights.

Contact: cares@osservatorio.it

VI. University of Poitiers

France | International relations, languages and cultural research

A. International Relations Office

The service identified as SURIEE welcomes international students, supports international outreach, manages mobility and coordinates projects and networks. Internships may involve intercultural projects, international cooperation, cultural exchange, intercultural consultancy and the organisation of training.

Contact: directionsuriee@univ-poitiers.fr
SURIEE, 15 rue de l'Hôtel Dieu, Bâtiment E06
TSA 71117, 86073 Poitiers cedex 9

International Relations Office website

B. FoReLLIS research laboratory

Explore internships, research stays and thesis work in linguistics, language teaching, literature, images and performance. Its two research teams study forms and representations across languages, discourse, texts, images and the performing arts.

FoReLLIS website

C. MiMMOC research laboratory

Explore internships, research stays and thesis work on political, social and cultural topics from the seventeenth century to the present. Research covers English-speaking societies in Canada, the United States, Ireland and the United Kingdom; Spanish-speaking societies in Latin America, North America and Spain; and Italian, German and Slavic studies.

Discuss your research interests and the arrangements for your master's project with the laboratory.

MiMMOC website

Contact for both laboratories: secretariat.forellis-mimmoc@univ-poitiers.fr
Maison des Sciences de l'Humain et de la Société, Bâtiment A5
5 rue Théodore Lefebvre, TSA 21103, 86073 Poitiers Cedex 9, France

D. How to get started

Students of the EC2U Master's in European languages, cultures and societies in contact should contact Freiderikos Valetopoulos, the local coordinator for these activities, at fvaletop@univ-poitiers.fr, or the EC2U team at ec2u@univ-poitiers.fr. Explain your interests so they can direct you to the appropriate opportunity.