

NUTRITION AND BIOMEDICINE (Master of Science)

Info Sheet Research Internships (WZ3211 or WZ3240)

1. When does my internship have to take place?

If you plan to do a short internship up to six weeks we recommend to do so in your lecture free period between the second and the third term.

If you want to extend your internship we recommend to do it in the third term when you have gained some basic experience from the Master program modules. The study plan offers a mobility window for the third semester in which you don't have any other compulsory modules.

If your intended Internship is longer than 3 months you should consider a [Leave of Absence](#) to extend the limits of your academic progress control.

2. What is the minimum duration of the internship?

WZ3211 (mandatory): The minimum duration is 6 weeks in lab (full time) plus 2 weeks of self-study. You are free to extend your internship for a longer period; in any case, you will be awarded with a maximum of 10 ECTS.

WZ3240 (elective): The minimum duration is 3 weeks in lab (full time) plus 1 week of self-study. You are free to extend your internship for a longer period; in any case, you will be awarded with a maximum of 5 ECTS.

3. Where can I do the internship?

You may do the internship at the TUM or at an external institution in Germany or abroad. You might want to choose a lab at a university, a private research institute or a company. Please keep in mind that the internship has to be related to research and to the content of your study program.

Make sure that you have read the description of the modules that you can find via your curriculum in TUMonline or at the website of your program in the module-handbook. Communicate this description/these descriptions to your supervisor(s) prior to your internship.

4. How can I find an institution for the internship?

Since you will need a TUM supervisor you should contact your preferred supervising professor as a first step. If you are interested in working at a chair of the TUM, you should simply ask for a place in her or his lab.

It might also be worth asking about possible institutions. The supervisors usually maintain a network with other research institutions and private companies.

5. Who will be my supervisor?

Your supervisor has to be an authorized examiner of the TUM. She or he will grade the internship taking into consideration your overall performance and the report that you have to write at the end of your project.

For your *internship outside the TUM*, you will need two supervisors: one at the external institution and a second supervisor at the TUM.

Please contact a TUM professor or a lecturer whose research is thematically related to your internship. A list of authorized examiners for the research internship modules will be available extending the module nodes for WZ3211/WZ3240 in TUMonline.

6. How do I have to register for the internship?

Once you have found an institution for the internship you will have to register via TUMonline.

There you can choose from two different lists of offers that are connected to certain TUM supervisors. You have to differ between internal and external internships.

If the supervisor of your choice is not listed you should contact the secretary of the examination board (recognition.co@ls.tum.de).

The Examination Board will decide if your preferred supervisor can be accepted and let you know whether he/she will be added to the list.

Please note: Sometimes your preferred supervisor might be listed but registration might not be possible. In this case you will need to contact your TUM supervisor directly.

7. How should the report be written?

We do not require a special layout as each host institution might have its own requirements. Please discuss this question with your supervisor(s). We recommend a short scientific paper describing the objectives, the methods and the results of your project. The report should not exceed twenty pages. The report should not exceed ten pages.

8. How do my supervisors have to submit the grade?

It will always be your TUM supervisor who will read your report and give you a grade.

At the end of an external internship the external supervisor might give a grade recommendation to your TUM supervisor taking into consideration your overall performance and your report. Please inform your external supervisor of this procedure.