



Boost your organisation's supply chain by offering a thesis internship

The supply chain is the backbone of an organisation. So how do you make sure it remains efficient and up to date with the newest practices to unlock its potential to create value for your company? Highly innovative students are ready to tackle your organisation's supply chain issues. They're from the multidisciplinary MSc Supply Chain Management (SCM) programme at Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University (RSM).

Putting 'supply chain management' into practice

- » Internships run from January/February until June/August 2022, and can be customised to a specific supply chain issue that your company is facing. We can discuss this opportunity to make sure it serves your organisation and the students' learning.
- » Students have a broad and integrated business perspective and specialised skills to bring to your business. Their training on supply chain management in our ambitious programme is driven and taught by domain-specific experts.
- » The students' master thesis findings at your company can be used to enhance your organisation's supply chain.

Why host an internship?

Hosting an internship means you have access to students with state-of-the-art supply chain management knowledge and skills, supported through academic supervision by faculty members of one of Europe's premier business schools. This combination provides you with a unique opportunity to tackle an advanced supply chain problem in your organisation. It also gives you access to a pool of highly talented potential employees.

In-company research and practice

Students are stimulated to write their master thesis in combination with their internship. This means their research will be done at your company. You can use their findings to improve your business supply chain strategy. The thesis trajectory runs from January/February to June/August, which is their thesis/thesis resit deadline. During this period, students have 616 hours to work on their thesis and internship.



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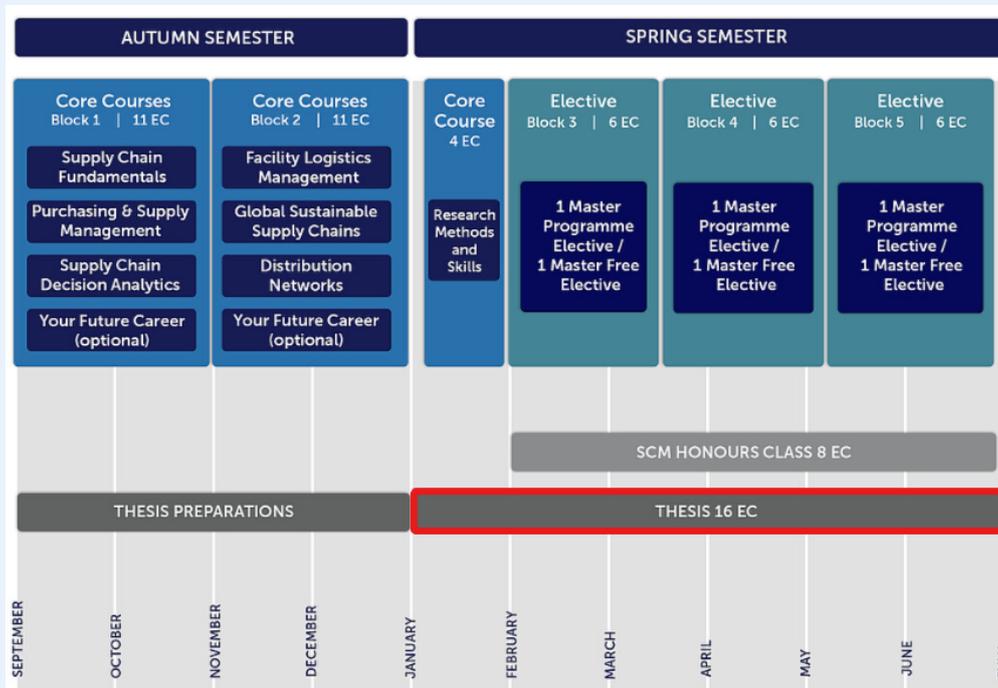
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Internship requirements

Company internships for SCM master students have the following requirements:

- » the student should be able to spend most (if not all) time on the thesis research
- » the student must be able to apply advanced supply chain practices (understand, predict, prescribe) to an academically and practically interesting problem
- » your organisation should have the resources to supervise the student (in addition to RSM's academic supervisor and co-reader)
- » it must be possible to make required data available within the time frame of the thesis research
- » the research problem must be both of importance for the company and challenging enough from an academic perspective.
- » an internship fee is typically offered to the student. The university is not a party in this agreement.

Master courses and place of the thesis and internship in the course curriculum



If students choose to write their thesis at a company via a research internship, they can drop one elective, in order to have one elective block free to work full-time on the research internship

Suitable topics

To be suitable for an MSc thesis internship, the management problem:

- » needs to be innovative, complex and important.
- » should not be a problem that the majority of similar organizations have already overcome, that are relatively simple and of minor relevance to the organization as a whole.
- » needs to be suitable for scientific analysis and solution design; using theories, concepts, tools and analysis methods from the Supply Chain Management domain, and business administration/management at large. The university coach can help determine this.
- » should be framed in such a way that the student should have sufficient leeway to determine the exact scope, approach, and ultimate solutions – in consultation with the internship coach and university coach.

Illustrative topics are:

- » evaluating the effects of automated roll-container stacking on replenishment costs and grocery retail store operations.
- » developing a cross-functional life-cycle-costing model and information management process for the acquisition of production equipment at a food & beverage company;
- » study how to optimize the flow of reusable pallets across different divisions at an international food producer.



Send us your business challenge

Are you interested in boosting your company with fresh knowledge and skills? Then please send an email to ockhuijsen@rsm.nl that describes your organisation, your research/project description, a contact person and how students can apply for an internship **before 15 October 2021 (but the earlier the better)**. After reviewing your internship, we will post it on our intranet for all SCM students to see and apply. We look forward to receiving your internship(s) as soon as possible - our students are keen to work for you.

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