

Dear industrial contact person,

The Master of Science in Chemistry program of Ghent University includes an obligatory internship for all students. This internship takes place in the final semester of the master program (February to June) and aims to bring our students in contact with an industrial R&D environment to experience how they can contribute with their gained knowledge to a company or non-academic research institute. Furthermore, we expect them to further develop their personal skills by moving to a new R&D environment and to learn how to operate in an industrial team.

To achieve these goals for the industrial internship, the student should get an assignment that has a clear research and/or development goal and contributes to the strategic goals of the company or research institute. Importantly, the assignment should be related to the Master of Science in Chemistry curriculum of Ghent University, which may be interpreted in the broad sense as our students have a broad basic training in chemistry ranging from organic and physical chemistry to polymers and materials science, including analytical chemistry, sustainable aspects as well as nanoscience.

As study council, we are convinced that our students have a good training to contribute to your R&D activities, especially since the internship is taking place after the master thesis. If you are interested to offer internship positions to our students, we expect that you offer the student an R&D oriented assignment that fits to the study program and that you assign a responsible promotor and daily supervisor (may be the same) within your organization to follow up the internship project as well as the evaluation. For the evaluation, there will be an interim report and defense (end of March; covering context, aims, work plan and first results) as well as a final report and defense (end of June).

Yours sincerely,

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