

Collaboration Experimental Sciences Faculty- UFV. Internship program. *(updated, 2nd December 2022)*

In our University there is a particular emphasis on the student's practical education. As part of our students' academic curriculum, we consider essential their rotations in established research institutions outside the University to complete their training. Then, our students will develop a range of professional competences and personal skills that will establish the basis for expertise in research in the bioscience field. Main features of our internship program are as follow,

- Students are in the last semester of the fourth course when they start the internship, they have passed all the subjects corresponding to the degree in Biotechnology or Biomedicine (more than 240 ECTS) except their internship in an external institution, after which they would get their graduate degree (or bachelor).
- Both degrees contain a high proportion of technical training, when the students start their internship have accumulated more than 400 hours experience in basic lab techniques.
- Our biotechnology internship program is more than 20 years old and we have collaboration agreements with more than one hundred institutions in USA and Europe and the feedback that we got from PIs from the different institutions is usually excellent.
- Students stay for 4 months working full time at the assigned lab. If there is interest in both sites, the stay could be extended up to six months.
- Starting time is typically February or September, but we could accommodate to other schedule if needed.
- Students finance their own expenses for travel, accommodation, etc, and are not supposed to be paid by the host institution.
- We establish a collaboration agreement with the Institution or with the particular Department at the institution or simply with the principal investigator that tutor the student.
- This cooperation agreement is a very standard document, but it could be also modified to accommodate to each particular case, if requested.
- Although the students have to present and defend a summary of the work done ("end of degree thesis") when they complete the internship, confidentiality has never been a problem. All the work done keeps confidential under the terms the institution defines.
- Investigators or supervisors can of course interview the candidates and choose the one that find most appropriated.
- Investigators or supervisors get an official certificate of tutors of practical training.
- We pay 400 euros per student per month, up to a maximum of 4 months (1,600 Euros per student) in concept of "bench fees". Fees are paid at the academic institutions, as a single payment at the end of the stay.

Attached are the links to the degrees of Biotechnology and Biomedicine on the University web page, for consultation.

<https://www.ufv.es/welcome-to-ufv-madrid/our-faculties/biotechnology/>
<https://www.ufv.es/welcome-to-ufv-madrid/our-faculties/biomedicine/>