



Master Program in Biostatistics

Information Sheet

Internships and STA491 Research Practical in Biostatistics

This information sheet summarizes the organisation of internships for students enrolled in the master program in biostatistics.

General	An internship can be counted towards credit point requirements if certain conditions are satisfied and if the student wishes to do so. There is no specific help available from the program side for finding internship positions. If announcements of internship positions are made available to the program they will be forwarded to all students.
Module	The module which can be used to get credit points for an internship is STA491 Research Practical in Biostatistics. This module has a variable amount of ECTS credits attached, namely 2-5 ECTS depending on the length of the internship. As a rule of thumb we count 1/3 of the working hours of the internship towards the ECTS credits, where 1 ECTS credit corresponds to 30 hours. The module requirements are a written final report (appr. 10 pages) and a short presentation (10-20 minutes). No grade is given, only a pass/no pass decision will be taken.
Project	Before agreeing to book a student into STA491 Research Practical in Biostatistics for an internship, the module responsible has to be provided with a contact at the company who coaches the intern, preferably a statistician, and by this person with an abstract of the project to be worked on. This has to be done well in advance of the starting time of the internship. The module responsible may refuse that an internship can be credited at UZH if the content of the project is not suitable. STA491 can be credited only once per student.
Confidentiality	It is the student's responsibility to arrange for correct consideration of confidentiality regarding the report and the presentation, both need to be released at least to the module responsible. Potential confidentiality contracts have to be provided by the participating company.
Work permit	For international students it is important to stay enrolled at UZH when doing an internship. In principle it is the company's obligation to handle work permit issues, although limited support from the program side is available.