



## **Internship Placement Profile: 8-Week Internship in Barcelona Healthcare & Medical Research**

### **Program Overview**

This 8-week Internship program is designed for American university students seeking hands-on experience in a Barcelona-based healthcare or medical research company. The program provides exposure to clinical research, public health initiatives, and healthcare operations, equipping students with practical knowledge and hands-on experience in the medical field.

### **Language**

- English (basic knowledge of Spanish helpful, but not required)

### **Internship Structure**

- **Duration:** 8 weeks
- **Location:** Barcelona, Spain
- **Work Schedule:** 6-8 hours per day, Monday to Thursday. The schedule for an 8 hours per day placement would be 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Mon-Thurs with a 1-hour lunch break. If your placement is fewer hours per week, your schedule would be adjusted accordingly.
- **Total Hours:** 180-240
- **Academic Credits:** To receive transfer credit, you must obtain pre-approval from your home institution. Start by asking your study abroad advisor at your home institution for details, and feel free to [contact ASA](#) with any questions.
- **Requirements:** Please see Requirements list at end of this document
- Unpaid



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## What Students Will Gain

- Deeper understanding of the Healthcare & Medical Research industry and workplace in Spain
- Global awareness and intercultural sensitivity
- Practical skills in communication, research, project planning, and event support
- Increased self-confidence, clarity of purpose, and professional growth
- See also: Learning Objectives

## Learning Objectives

By the end of the internship, students should be able to:

- ✓ Understand the basics of clinical research and medical studies
  - ✓ Assist in data collection and analysis for healthcare projects
  - ✓ Learn about patient care protocols and ethical considerations
  - ✓ Support in public health and outreach initiatives
  - ✓ Collaborate with healthcare professionals and researchers
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## Internship Breakdown

### Week 1 – Onboarding and Training

- Introduction to the healthcare organization, team, and research focus
  - Training on confidentiality, ethical considerations, and patient rights
  - Overview of research methodologies and healthcare technologies
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### Weeks 2–4 – Medical Research & Data Analysis Focus



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### Tasks & Activities:

- Assist in literature reviews and data collection for ongoing studies
  - Support in preparing reports and presentations on medical findings
  - Observe and document clinical trials or healthcare procedures
  - Work with healthcare professionals to analyze patient data trends
  - Learn about regulatory frameworks governing medical research
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## Weeks 5–8 – Public Health & Healthcare Operations Focus

### Tasks & Activities:

- Support outreach initiatives focused on community health education
  - Assist in organizing health awareness events and workshops
  - Observe hospital or clinic operations and patient management strategies
  - Work with healthcare administrators on policy and procedural improvements
  - Conduct surveys or interviews to assess healthcare service efficiency
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## Supervision and Mentoring

- **Assigned Supervisor:** A healthcare professional or researcher will provide guidance and feedback.
  - **Mentor Meetings:** Bi-weekly sessions to discuss progress and career insights.
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## **Assessment and Feedback**

- **Midpoint Evaluation:** Performance review and feedback session.
  - **Final Evaluation:** Student presents a research summary or project report.
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## **Complementary Learning Activities**

To enhance your internship experience and provide broader insight into your field, the program will include 2-4 activities outside of work hours that complement your internship. Examples include:\*

### **Hospital or Medical Research Facility Visit**

- Tour a leading Barcelona hospital or research center.
- Engage in discussions on healthcare innovation and patient care.

### **Workshop – The Future of Healthcare & Medical Technology**

- Learn about AI, telemedicine, and biotechnology applications in healthcare.
- Participate in case study discussions on emerging medical advancements.

### **Public Health Site Visit & Community Engagement Activity**

- Visit a nonprofit organization working on public health initiatives.
- Participate in a hands-on community outreach event.

### **Networking Event with Healthcare Professionals & Researchers**

- Meet medical professionals and researchers working in Barcelona.



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- Gain insights into career opportunities in healthcare and research.

*\*Example activities shown here. Activities may vary based on availability.*

## Requirements

- Minimum GPA 2.70 (Applicants with GPA between 2.60-2.69 will be considered on a case-by-case basis)
- 19 years of age, by the time the program starts
- Must have completed at least 2 semesters (minimum 24 credits) at a U.S. or Canadian college, university, or community college before the program starts
- Résumé or CV
- Cover Letter describing your motivation and interest in this specific placement (1-2 pages)
- Unofficial transcript from your college or university
- [Internship Questionnaire](#)
- Optional for GPA 2.70 or higher: Academic or professional recommendation letter
- Required for GPA 2.60-2.69: Academic or professional recommendation letter