



LUDWIG
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Career Center



EXPERT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN
SCIENCE AND OTHER SECTORS**





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Many early-career researchers have to or want to leave the academic system. However, they often lack the necessary practical experience to transition seamlessly into a field outside academia. As a bridge builder, the LBG Career Center offers young researchers the opportunity to participate in a two-month, funded Expert Internship Program with a host organization of their choice outside academia. This allows them to get to know potential employers and work areas.

GOAL

Early-career researchers gain valuable insights into the practices of the host organizations, while the host organizations benefit from the expertise of highly qualified experts from academia.

TARGET GROUP

The Expert Internship Program is designed for Pre- and Post-Docs of Ludwig Boltzmann Institutes as well as universities and research organizations in Austria who wish to get to know potential employers outside academia and gain insights into other fields and industries.

PROCESS

1 APPLICATION

The applicant researches **two preferred organizations** and the **desired time period** for the Expert Internship in advance. This information must be submitted together with a **CV** and a **letter of motivation**.

2 INTERVIEW

Selected candidates will be invited to an **online interview** by the LBG Career Center. Additionally, the LBG Career Center provides **guidance** on how to successfully initiate first contact with the host organization.

3 CONTACT HOST ORGANIZATION

After a successful interview, the LBG Career Center facilitates **contact** with the host organization. The requirements and further procedures are clarified and determined through a **cooperation agreement**.

THE FOLLOWING HOST ORGANIZATIONS,
AMONG OTHERS, HAVE PARTICIPATED
IN THE EXPERT INTERSHIPS

AMGEN

NOVARTIS

Pfizer

Takeda

AK WIEN

eit Climate-KIC

Ribbon
BIO

Antiquariat
INLIBRIS
Gilhofer Nfg. GmbH

Boehringer
Ingelheim

DLG

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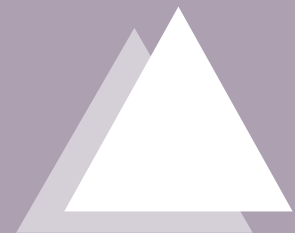
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4 EXPERT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

With the support of a **mentor** from the host organization, the intern is introduced and further connected within the organization. Additionally, the LBG Career Center provides **guidance** throughout the entire program.

5 COMPLETION

At the end of the program, the intern submits an **experience report** and has a feedback discussion with the LBG Career Center. Subsequently, a **certificate** for the successful completion of the Expert Internship Program is awarded.



CONTACT & APPLICATION



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FINANCING

Pre- and Post-Docs of Ludwig Boltzmann Institutes: release from duties at the LBI during the Expert Internship Program, with continued salary payment by the LBG Career Center.

Pre- and Post-Docs of Austrian universities and research organizations: support with a one-time scholarship of €3,000 (Pre-Docs) or €5,000 (Post-Docs) provided by the LBG Career Center upon successful program completion.

APPLICATION

Application documents including:

- ▶ CV (max. 2 pages)
- ▶ letter of motivation (max. 2 pages)
- ▶ nomination of 2 preferred organizations
- ▶ desired time period for the 2-month program
start = first day of the month, end = last day of the month

GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR THE LETTER OF MOTIVATION

- ▶ What has been my (career) path so far?
- ▶ Where do I see my future potential?
- ▶ Why do I want to participate in the Expert Internship Program?
- ▶ What value do I see in it?
- ▶ Why am I interested in these preferred organizations?
- ▶ What do I hope to gain and contribute?

DEADLINE & DATES

Apply until April 9, 2026!

Join the Online Info Session
on March 26, 2026 at 2 PM

Visit our website
for more information:
cc.lbg.ac.at/expert-internships





TESTIMONIALS

»The Expert Internship expanded my expert knowledge and also strengthened my skills in the area of interdisciplinary collaboration. It allowed me to gain a great insight into practice. I was also able to make valuable contacts and expand my professional network.«

Expert Intern at AMGEN

»I really enjoyed the Expert Internship because it provided me with valuable insights into the working environment outside academia, got me out of my bubble and set an important course for my professional future.«

Expert Intern at Pfizer

»The Expert Internship was very important for my career and I would therefore describe it as a “career and motivation catalyst”.«

Expert Intern at Novartis

IMPRESSUM

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