

## Independent Researcher

- This type of internship is intended for students who know clearly what their research goal is. It is not limited by the applicant's age, or by their level of attained university education. From our experience, though, we feel that the internships are mainly suitable for students of follow-up Master's or Doctoral degree programmes.
- During the entire internship the chosen student will have a **selected Researcher at hand**, who will lead the intern's research and will be ready to **answer questions and deal with any problems** with the research. **Access to the IIR library** and a **basic technical background** are available to the intern.
- The internship is to be terminated by the intern's completing of a publishable output. Despite the fact that the research carried out at the IIR can be part of a diploma thesis or other academic work (considering the rules of auto-citations and application of the research results), it is necessary for the intern to **submit a written output** for the IIR. The output can have the form of, e.g., an expert paper or article, but it should at least be a working paper.
- The key document is an internship plan that should include:
  - a) the title of the project
  - b) the objective/s of the project
  - c) the study's **theoretical** background
  - d) the study's **methodological** background
  - e) the literature used
  - f) the structure and length of the resulting report/article
  - g) the proposed time frame (duration) of the internship
  
  - h) the intern's curriculum vitae
  - i) a motivation letter (on A4 size paper, or paper of a similar size)
- It is advisable for the applicant to study at least some basic available literature related to their planned project and undertake a literature research before elaborating the proposal of the internship plan. This could help the applicant to be aware of the necessary time frame of the project and specify the definite project objectives and state them accordingly by taking into account the time frame. It is **vital to state the theoretical and methodological background** in the proposal. Without them the proposal will be **rejected** or returned for rework.
- The interns in the position of an Independent Researcher usually stay at the IIR for more than three months. At the same time the capacity of this internship is considerably limited, compared to that of a Research Assistant internship. Therefore it is advisable to apply for the internship in advance, while also considering the possible required adjustments of the proposed project.
- Do not be afraid to send us your proposal, even if you are not sure about your future plans yet. Compared to the Research Assistant position, the position of an Independent Researcher offers a lot of advantages, as well as the opportunity to cooperate with the IIR itself.