

Disclaimer internship/thesis/research project/field work abroad (course units that are part of the Bachelor's or Master's programme yielding credits).

Semester 2, 2021-2022

The TU Delft Executive Board has decided to allow internship/thesis/research project field work abroad for the second semester of the academic year 2021-2022. Students can travel to the following countries:

- Member States of the EU (Erasmus+): Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden;
- Non-EU Erasmus+ associated countries: Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Turkey and Republic of Serbia;
- Non-EU: United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia, USA, Japan, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Argentina, Chile, Singapore and South Korea.

This document provides you with important information highlighting the potential risks, should you decide to go abroad as a part of your study programme. Please read carefully.

Before your departure

- Internship students must obtain formal approval of the internship in advance from the faculty internship coordinator. You have to hand in a completed and signed “Corona declaration receiving organization enterprise form” to the faculty internship coordinator confirming that *“the internship provider must be able to guarantee the quality and safety to prevent the spread of the Corona virus”*. This form can be requested from your Faculty Internship coordinator.
- TU Delft permits students to travel to green and yellow [coded countries](#) for their study programme.
- TU Delft allows travel to **orange coded countries**, but does not recommend it because it comes with additional risks. The colour coding of countries through government analysis is not only based on the COVID-19 pandemic. If a country is declared to have an orange code it could be due several factors such as;
 - Rates of COVID-19 infections
 - An entry ban on travel from the Netherlands
 - A national disaster (i.e. volcano eruption/ earthquake risk)
 - Risk of terrorism and/or kidnapping.If the country you are travelling to is coded orange and even though it is not recommended, you can only travel if the orange code is due to the COVID-19 reasons listed here:
 - a mandatory negative PCR test before arrival at the foreseen destination
 - and / or proof of COVID-19 vaccination
 - and / or obligation to go into quarantine upon arrival
 - and / or other applicable Covid-19 registration obligations of the host country
- TU Delft does not allow travel to **red coded countries**. This colour code refers to:

- A life-threatening situation due to very serious safety risks.
 - Extensive corona measures, you cannot travel in or out of the country or area.
 - The Dutch government cannot bring you back to the Netherlands.
- You have to register your stay abroad in [Osiris Student](#) so that TU Delft knows where you can be reached in the event of an emergency and as a result of this, the stay will be covered by the free travel insurance of TU Delft.
 - You have to register and attend the TU Delft Safety training before the start of the internship. This training will be offered online [here](#).
 - You are asked to sign up for the information service of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs to receive travel advice updates. In addition, upon your arrival, you should register with the Dutch embassy in your host country via the [24/7 BZ information service](#), the embassy is then made aware of nationals currently in the country. If you have a different nationality, you should register with the embassy of your respective home country. More information can be found [here](#).
 - We recommend outgoing students to wait as long as possible before starting all practical and financial arrangements, as there are usually no reimbursements/refunds made. Due to uncertainty both globally and locally, we recommend that you wait as long as possible with booking your trip to the internship provider. When booking any tickets, we encourage you to select rebookable/refundable tickets, as the situation may change rapidly.
 - If you are planning to proceed with your internship abroad, discuss the academic, health and financial risks involved with your own support network, such as family. Here is a summary of possible risks, more details can be found further in this disclaimer.
 - Academic risks: study delay, credits not being recognized by your faculty
 - Health risks: quarantine, infection, hospitalisation, lung COVID symptoms, death, impossible to repatriate due to closed borders
 - Financial risks: travel costs, housing, quarantine, visa and residence permit costs, extra costs as a result of contracting a Covid-19 infection, having to repay part of the Erasmus+ grant (minimum stay abroad is 2 months)

Insurance:

- The TU Delft travel insurance covers travel to countries with a green, yellow and orange travel advice. If claims are made in relation to COVID-19, the insurance will examine on a case-by-case basis whether there is cover, including the following points: has the student taken sufficient measures to prevent or minimize the medical risks, for example adherence to the rules of the (local) governments and agencies, for example by staying away from large crowds.
- In the event that TU Delft travel insurance does not provide cover, all costs related to the stay abroad (for example any costs in the event of repatriation) are for the student's own

expenses. Please ensure you read the [TU Delft Travel Insurance](#) thoroughly, you may wish to purchase additional insurance.

Travel:

- Travel is at your own risk. In the event of a lock down, the Dutch government will not repatriate Dutch nationals. The TU travel insurance has an exclusion clause for these situations.
- If, prior to departure, the travel status of the destination changes to red, the approval to do an internship abroad is automatically withdrawn and TU Delft will reclaim your Erasmus+ internship scholarship if applicable. If you decide to go to a red coded country, you will no longer be eligible for study credits (ECTS), your study abroad will not be mentioned on your transcript of records and you will not be eligible for funding.
- Travel to the host country/internship provider will be, as usual, dependent on any restrictions and regulations in place there.
- You are advised to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before your departure, this is not mandatory for TU Delft. Some countries such as Singapore and the USA require you to be fully vaccinated to be able to enter.
- Please note that you may have conditions of entry in the host country such as:
 - a mandatory negative PCR test before arrival at the foreseen destination
 - and / or proof of COVID-19 vaccination
 - and / or obligation to go into quarantine upon arrivaland / or other applicable Covid-19 registration obligations of the host country.
- Any additional costs associated with conditions of entry cannot be reclaimed from TU Delft.

Arrival at internship provider/organisation:

- If you become infected with COVID-19 during your stay abroad, you should take into account that you cannot travel back to the Netherlands by plane, international train or bus. The extra costs incurred because you have to stay on location longer are your own responsibility.
- Your physical presence is required regardless of being able to work online. You must receive ECTS for your programme abroad. A purely virtual mobility is not an option.
- All other possible consequences are for the student's own risk, for example the consequences for their study progress due to failure to return in time for (other) educational obligations.
- In the event of an unexpected change of colour code from green/yellow/orange/ to red, during your stay abroad, TU Delft strongly advises you to check whether your stay abroad is really necessary and whether there are options to go home. TU Delft will not be able to assist with repatriation, should the borders be closed or if flights have been cancelled.

- Should you be **unable to return** to the Netherlands, you need to ensure you have safe accommodation, stay informed of local and national developments, and inform your Faculty internship coordinator / supervisor of any changes to your plans. You may have taken out extra travel insurance yourself. Check your travel insurance policy to clearly understand what the consequences of not leaving are for your insurance coverage.
 - Should you **decide to remain** where you are, you therefore confirm you are aware of the risks involved regarding travel, finance, insurance, and the possible study consequences of your decision. In order to remain eligible for the Erasmus+ scholarship your physical stay at the host institution/company must be at least 2 months (60 days).
 - Should you **decide to return** to the Netherlands, inform your Host institute/company and your Faculty internship coordinator/supervisor/master coordinator. If you have an Erasmus + scholarship, send an email to erasmusgrant@tudelft.nl informing them of your decision.
- Today, no one can say with certainty which Covid-19 restrictions will continue to be necessary in and how the situation in the host country of your internship provider will develop and look like (hybrid, online, hand-on experience). It cannot be ruled out that the circumstances of the pandemic may require to do your internship in the host country when necessary (partially) by remote means. This will limit personal interaction with your supervisor(s) and may partially eliminate the intercultural and hand-on experience.

By accepting your internship at your host institute/Company you confirm the following:

- You have read and understood the information provided above.
- You agree to bear any financial, health and academic risks associated with your programme abroad.
- You will keep your faculty internship coordinator/supervisor/master coordinator informed of any changes to your stay

Name	
Date	
Signature	

Sign and send it to your [Faculty Internship Coordinator/ Supervisor / Master coordinator](#)