

VIRTUAL RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS PROGRAM (VRI)

Call for Professors - 2026

The **Hemispheric University Consortium (HUC)** invites professors from member universities to host virtual research internships and integrate international students into their ongoing research projects.

About the program

The HUC Virtual Research Internships (VRI) Program is an initiative of the Hemispheric University Consortium (HUC), a network of universities across the Americas that promotes collaboration in research, education, and innovation.

Through this program, professors can integrate (virtually) international students into their research projects, contributing to the development of research skills and early-stage research experience, while fostering scientific collaboration across the region and supporting the development of research capacities across HUC institutions

Virtual Internships are open to undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines. The program runs during the second semester of the year, starting in September, with an expected duration of 8–12 weeks.

- Participating professors propose research projects (internships) and supervise students virtually over a defined period.
- Students contribute to ongoing research through specific tasks and deliverables, while gaining international research experience.

Eligibility Criteria

- Professors must be affiliated as full, associate, or assistant professors in a [HUC member university](#).
- Applicants must propose at least one virtual research project within the scope of their ongoing work and align with one or more of the following HUC thematic priorities:
 1. Public Health, Well-being, and Human Prosperity
 2. Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resilience
 3. Entrepreneurship, Inclusive Innovation and Digital Transformation
 4. Society, Institutional Quality, and Corruption
 5. Technology and Innovation for Education
 6. Other

Note. Projects are encouraged to align with these priority areas; however, a broad, flexible, and interdisciplinary approach is welcomed. Inter- and transdisciplinary research that integrates diverse perspectives is strongly encouraged.

Application Process

Professors must submit their research projects through the online application form: [Submit your projects here](#).

In the application form, applicants will be asked to:



- **Personal information.** Name, academic title/degree, institutional affiliation, position, academic unit, and contact information.
- **Project description.**
 - Project title and description: a brief overview of the project and its main objectives.
 - Internship details: working language, estimated weekly workload, duration (8–12 weeks), and tentative start and end dates.
 - Expected outcomes: main output(s) or product(s) the student is expected to deliver.
 - Student profile: desired background or discipline, key skills (required and preferred), and main activities the student will carry out.
 - Additional resources: optional links or materials to support and promote the project.
- **Institutional Support:** applicants should have the endorsement of their academic unit confirming their availability to supervise students and the relevance of the proposed project(s). This may be provided in the form of a brief approval (e.g., letter, email) from the corresponding academic authority (e.g., department chair or program director).

Responsibilities

- Selected professors will act as project leads, supervising students remotely and defining their tasks and expected contributions.
- Professors must be available to guide and support students throughout the internship period.
- Professors are expected to provide a brief final validation of the students' participation and completion of the project.

Timeline

- Call for professors: June 4 – June 25, 2026
- Informative session: June 10, 10:00 a.m. (Colombia time). Register here: [Zoom meeting](#).
- Evaluation of proposals: June 26 – July 5, 2026
- Notification of results (professors): July 7, 2026
- Call for students: July 9 – August 6, 2026
- Student selection: August 10 – August 20, 2026
- Notification of results (students): late August 2026
- Student onboarding: late August 2026 (formal registration and administrative procedures)
- Research internships: starting in September 2026 (with flexible duration and schedule)

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