

NII International Internship Program: some feedback to our partners

Dear colleague and partner,

The NII International Internship program dedicated to receive Master or Ph.D students from partner institutions having signed a MOU with us is more and more successful and has allowed us to strengthen the collaboration with different institutions, thank you for your cooperation. Each year in two calls NII hosts more than 120 interns from all over the world. Some problems have begun to occur and we would like to share with you some recommendations to make the best out of this program.

About preparation of the internship: there might be a certain mismatch between the technical background that candidates have and what the internship research topic requires. Without adequate scientific and technical skills, students cannot carry out their internships smoothly.

Please advise candidates to contact the internship supervisor at NII before making the application on your side. The best solution will be if the supervisor from your institution can be in contact with the NII supervisor, that will allow better defining the scope of the internship and will permit to develop the inter-institutions relationship.

After their internship students are expected to write technical reports as an outcome of their staying. In writing such reports, the intern may have to use former results or citations. Obviously the intern has in that case to respect the “Intellectual Propriety” of the original contributors: plain citations are mandatory copy-and-pasting of text written by other authors is ethically improper.

Please ensure the candidates are aware of these ethical issues before they start their internship at NII.

We always appreciate your recommendations of qualified candidates for internships at NII and look forward to developing more collaboration with your institution.

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