Università della Svizzera italiana

# The Field Project: a bridge between theoretical and practical knowledge

Invitation for companies and institutions



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The Università della Svizzera italiana (USI), in Lugano, Switzerland, is offering the opportunity to companies to do a Field Project with second-year students from its seven Masters in the Faculties of Communication Sciences, Economics and Informatics.

The Field Project is a consultancy project for a period of three months conducted by a team of three to six international Master's students, who apply their theoretical knowledge and skills acquired in class to real cases in a professional environment. Students work in teams under the supervision of a USI Professor and in coordination with the Client Organization.

Companies and Institutions may advance a proposal to the University for a Field Project in an area of interest covered in one of the seven Masters involved.

Field Project companies (since 2004/2005)

| Field Projects<br>offered            | 448 |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Companies offering<br>Field Projects | 293 |

### The Masters' degrees involved

| Area                     | Master   |
|--------------------------|--|
| Finance                  | Master in Finance www.usi.ch/mfin                                      |
| Health                   | Master in Communication, Management and Health www.usi.ch/mcmh         |
|                          | Master in Cognitive Psychology in Health Communication www.usi.ch/mphc |
| Management and Marketing | Master in Corporate Communication www.usi.ch/mcc                       |
|                          | Master in Management www.usi.ch/mmg                                    |
|                          | Master in Marketing and Transformative Economy www.usi.ch/mktg         |
| Informatics              | Master in Management and Informatics www.usi.ch/mmi                    |

#### Areas of consulting projects

The Projects can relate to any topic taught in each of the eight Master's degree programmes.

As an example, areas include, among others:

- Advertising, Collaborative Branding, Consumer Behaviour, Corporate Identity and Culture, Entrepreneurship, Health Communication, Industrial Marketing, Innovation Management, Internal Communication, Knowledge Management, Leadership, Market Research, Market Strategy, Operations, Product Development, Reputation and Image Management, Sales, Service Marketing, Strategy, Sharing, Customer and Societal well-being.
- Asset Management, Private Banking, Investment Banking, Hedge Funds, Risk Management, Credit Rating, Controlling, Valuation, Corporate Finance.
- Computer Infrastructure Management, Requirements Analysis and System Specification, User Interface Design.
- Pharmaceutical, bio-tech, and insurance companies, and government and non-profit organizations, Public and Private Hospitals,
  Private Companies specialized in the health communication,
  Start-ups, Governmental and Non-governmental organisations
  active in disease prevention and health promotion.



#### **Timing**

The Field Project is carried out during the 4th semester, from February to May.

\* For the Masters in Finance (MF) and Management and Informatics (MMI) the Field Project takes place during the 3rd semester, from September to December.

| Potential Field<br>Projects are submitted<br>by the companies and<br>selected by the<br>Director of the Master | Field Projects are<br>defined and teams and<br>tutors are assigned | Field Projects are carried out |
|--|--|--------------------------------|
| September-   | January-   | February-                      |
| December   | February   | May                            |
| June-  | August-  | September-                     |
| July*  | September*   | December*                      |

#### Key Milestones

Kick-off meeting with companies

→ Intermediate Report

→ Final Report (in company presentation)



Costs and contract No fees are charged by USI for the Field Projects, however the Client Organization is responsible for the costs of travel and accommodation, meetings, and extras as specified in the contract. Università della Svizzera italiana and the Client Organization will discuss terms, content and requirements of the Field project and draw up a formal contract that will include issues regarding confidentiality, intellectual property and out-of-pocket expenses.

How to participate Proposals for Field Projects can be submitted to the Master's Director or the Career Service, which will put the company in touch with the relevant Master's Director for further discussion and approval.



#### **Key companies**

Accenture, Aduno, Aziende Industriali Luganesi (AIL), Alessi, AMAG, Ander Group, Artsana group, Arvi, Ash Group, Audemars, Audi, Avalog, AWD, Bally, Banca Corner, Banca del Sempione, Banca Zarattini & Co., Banque Cramer & Cie, Bic, BigOmics, Bisicom, Bosch, Brightside, BWA Yachting, Canon, Città di Lugano, Clinica Moncucco, Credit Suisse, Cysco, Danpower, DeliSky, Designergy, DXT Commodities, Ermenegildo Zegna, EFG Bank, EGL Italia, Enjoy Group, Ente Ospedaliero Cantonale (EOC), European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO), Evolve, EY, Fantoni Group, Ferrero, Festival Blues, Ferrovie Federali Svizzere (FFS/SBB), FiloFibra, Fratelli Beretta, Giorgio Armani, Globus, GROM, Gruppo San Donato, Guaber, Guess, Justice and Home Affairs (JHA), Health Promotion Switzerland, Heineken, Henkel, Hilti, Hoffmann-La Roche, Hoosh Technology, Hugo Boss, Humabs BioMed, IBM, Ikea, Ilapack, Infiniti Luxury Cars, ISS Group, Iveco, Keros Digital, Knauf, LAC, Lallemand Pharma, Lambertini, Ernst and Partners, Lario Hotels, Lemoine international, Lindt & Sprüngli, Locarno Film Festival, Loonity, Lopag Trust, Loris Kessel auto, Loubay.ch, Lufthansa, Lugano Turismo, Luxury Goods International, Mammut Group, Mandarin Oriental, Manor, McKinnon & Clarke, Microsoft, MIDATA.coop, Mikron, MVC & Partners, NetComm Suisse, Novartis, Path, Pepsi, Pianoforte Academy, Pirelli, PKB Privatbank, Porsche Consulting Milano, PostFinance, Pramac, Procter&Gamble, Publisuisse, Radiotelevisione Svizzera (RSI), Reflact, Riri, Riso Scotti, Rivopharm, Ruag, Saati, Schmid energy, Soho Flordis International (SFI), Simi group, SIX Swiss Exchange, Société Génerale, Softline, Solterra, South Pole Carbon, Splash&Spa, Swiss Airlines, Swiss Chamber of Commerce Italy, Swiss Finance Institute, Swiss Medical Network, Swiss Red Cross, Swiss Social Security Funds, Swisscom, Swissport, Ticino Turismo, Tissot, Turbomach, UBS, USA-Swiss Chamber of Commerce, Valora, VF International, Vodafone, WWF, Yamamay, Zurich Insurance Group

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More than 200 companies

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