New Paid Research Internships at the MPIs for Biological Cybernetics and Intelligent Systems

Computation and Cognition Tübingen Summer (CaCTüS) Internship opens doors for talented students held back by disadvantages. The Max Planck Institutes for Biological Cybernetics and Intelligent Systems in Tübingen, Germany, offer up to 10 students at the Bachelor or Master level fully funded three-months internships during the summer of 2022. The internship program specifically aims to provide opportunities to excellent students who face significant constraints in their scientific careers. Applications are open now.

The sciences of biological and artificial intelligence are rapidly growing research fields that need enthusiastic minds with a keen interest in solving challenging questions. “While there are a lot of talented minds out there, not everyone has the same opportunities and the same access to first-class education,” said Franziska Bröker, researcher at the MPI for Biological Cybernetics and initiator of the CaCTüS program. “This is why we created an internship that is aimed at young scientists who face significant obstacles that hold them back in their careers. Whether these constraints be personal, financial, regional, or societal, we want to open doors for these students, give them access to excellent scientific facilities, and connect them with outstanding researchers.”

Successful applicants to the CaCTüS Internship will work with top-level scientists on research projects spanning machine learning, electrical engineering, theoretical neuroscience, behavioral experiments and data analysis. The internship program is not only fully funded and covers travel expenses, but also provides support for aspects like visa applications and accommodation.

Applications from students living in low- and middle-income countries, which are currently underrepresented in the Max Planck Society research community, are specifically encouraged. “We are convinced that the CaCTüS program will also foster inclusion, diversity, and equity within both MPIs,” said Bröker. “The CaCTüS interns will enrich our institutes, and I’m very much looking forward to welcoming them into our community.”

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