



SAPIENZA
UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

INTERNSHIPS & EXTERNAL THESES

MSc in Cybersecurity – from application to graduation

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TWO KINDS OF INTERNSHIP

Curricular internship

tirocinio curriculare

- Part of your education
- Done while enrolled; it must end before you graduate
- Also covers internships linked to the final exam (your thesis)
- The host may pay an expense reimbursement

Extra-curricular internship

tirocinio extra-curriculare

- Active labour-policy measure: orientation to work and professional skills
- Open to enrolled students and to recent graduates
- Mandatory monthly allowance paid by the host; it is not an employment contract
- Governed by regional rules (in Lazio: 2 to 6 months)

In Cybersecurity the usual route is the curricular internship tied to your thesis. Everything that follows is about that route.

NO CREDITS, BUT A THESIS

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CFU for internships in the
MSc Cybersecurity study
plan

Your internship becomes your thesis

- The final exam may be based on a project, research, methodological or **internship** activity, carried out at a company, a public research institution or a university lab.
- An internship done for this purpose is formally an **external thesis**: you still need an internal supervisor from the MSc.
- The work must show that you master cybersecurity methodologies and can apply them to a specific domain.

At graduation you present and discuss an original project and a written thesis, supervised by your internal supervisor.

THE JOURNEY AT A GLANCE



STEP 1 · FIND AN OPPORTUNITY

A TSP Sapienza platform

- Browse published internship offers and apply
- Self-apply (“Autocandidati tirocini”) to any registered host: send CV and cover message

B Career Service calls

- Selection calls from public bodies and institutions, listed on the Sapienza internships page
- e.g. 2026 curricular internships at ACN, the National Cybersecurity Agency

C ITMeetings (Computer Science)

- Twice a year, usually December and June
- Company talks, round table and speed-dates: about 50 one-to-one meetings per edition

D JobTeaser, Career Days, contacts

- Build your CV, apply to offers, book recruiting events
- A company you found yourself is fine, as long as it signs the agreement with Sapienza

In any case, internship must be loaded by the company in the TSP portal

STEP 2 · SUPERVISOR AND TIMING

When to start

2nd year

with at least 60 CFU in your career

≥ 6 months

before the graduation session you are aiming for

≥ 600 hours

to be accepted as a thesis

Internal supervisor (relatore)

A professor of the MSc, chosen by you. Signs the thesis assignment and approves your graduation application.

Host tutor

Your reference person at the company or institution. Follows your daily work during the internship.

Tip

Talk to your internal supervisor before committing to a host. You pick topic and supervisor on your own, based on your interests, but the internship must be able to produce an original thesis contribution.

STEP 3 · ACTIVATE THE INTERNSHIP ON TSP

1

Agreement

convenzione

The host registers on TSP Sapienza and signs the internship agreement with the university.

2

Training project

progetto formativo

The host creates it on TSP with “direct internship start”, using your student ID. The internship referent **adds internal supervisor** and accepts it

3

Signatures

The approved project PDF is signed by the host and by you, then sent to the internship referent for signature before the start date.

4

Activation

The course internship referent activates it on TSP. Only now can you start working.

Is the host already accredited?

Email tirocini@uniroma1.it with the host's company name and tax code or VAT number.

Internship abroad?

Same TSP process, with agreement and project in English. Erasmus+ Traineeship follows its own call instead.

STEP 4 · REGISTER YOUR THESIS

Scan each document as a separate PDF:



Authorization to process personal data



Thesis assignment signed by your internal supervisor



Certificate of passed exams, downloaded from Infostud



Authorization for the anti-plagiarism check



External thesis only: the training project from TSP Sapienza

When

–180 days

At the start of the thesis work, internal or external, and at least 180 days before the session

Where

Upload the PDFs one at a time in the MSc thesis form:

forms.gle/xCTcVpvxRrViU1ySA

STEP 5 · DURING THE INTERNSHIP

1 Set goals early

Agree with host tutor and supervisor on objectives and deliverables, and reflect them in the training project.

2 Confidentiality & IP

Check NDAs and IP rules now: the defense is public and the thesis is uploaded to Infostud.

3 Stay in touch

Short regular updates to your supervisor avoid surprises on scope and quality near the deadline.

4 Write as you go

Draft related work, methodology and results during the internship, not only at the end.

5 Aim for originality

Up to 8 thesis points reward contributions that advance the state of the art.

STEP 6 · COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION

First, close the internship

- The host fills in the Final Attestation / Report on TSP Sapienza and signs it.
- You hand it to the teaching secretariat of the MSc.
- **A curricular internship must be over before you obtain the degree.**

-180
days

Thesis assignment registered (Step 4)

-30
days

Graduation application on Infostud 2.0; your supervisor approves it

-15
days*

Upload the final thesis on Infostud and email the PDF to segr.didattica@di.uniroma1.it

-7
days

A technician contacts you to test your laptop with the projector

Day 0

Defense: 20 minutes including questions, plenary session, at least 7 professors. No paper copy

** Indicative: the binding upload deadline is the one in the MSc graduation-session calendar.*

HOW THE THESIS IS GRADED

+8

max for the thesis

- 6: just sufficient contribution
- 7: good original contribution (counter-review required)
- 8: substantial advance over the state of the art (counter-review + international paper submitted)

+1

graduating within 2 academic years

Counted from enrolment in the MSc Cybersecurity

+1

three or more exams at 30 cum laude

Added to the weighted average from Infostud

Base score: weighted exam average. **Max increment:** 10 points. **Honours (lode):** final score of at least 113 after rounding.

Some observations

- You cannot do an internship in a company with whom you have a contract
- The internal supervisor should be included in goal and activities definition
- Look for a supervisor whose research topics are fitting the interest of the company
- You cannot start an internship before its acceptance
- Don't insert an internship agreement on the TSP portal that should start few days later
 - the internship referent is full of tasks and cannot be always responsive
 - don't solicit a response with a daily (or less frequency)
 - **inform the company about this**

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

TSP Sapienza

uniroma1.tsp.esse3.cineca.it
Offers, agreements, training projects

Sapienza internships

uniroma1.it/en/pagina/internships
Rules, calls, FAQ

MSc graduation info

corsidilaurea.uniroma1.it/en/course/33516/attendance
Deadlines and session calendar

Thesis form

forms.gle/xCTcVpvxRrViU1ySA
Register your thesis

Internship office

tirocini@uniroma1.it
Host accreditation status

Teaching secretariat

segr.didattica@di.uniroma1.it
Thesis and graduation questions

Questions?

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supervisor before you
sign with a host.*