



# Vesalius College

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

### European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association



#### ORGANISATION PROFILE

EDMA, the European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association is the trade association that represents the In Vitro Diagnostic (IVD) industry active in Europe. EDMA membership brings together 20 national associations in European countries and 26 of the major companies engaged in the research, development, manufacture or distribution of IVD products. Through its affiliated national associations, EDMA represents a total of more than 550 companies (or over 1000 legal entities) across Europe.

EDMA acts in cooperation with other European and international trade associations representing medical devices, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology in general, as well as with scientific societies and patient organisations to make a real difference in health and quality of life.

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The scope of work within EDMA focuses on two main areas. The first is concerned with communication and public affairs issues while the second is in the area of European legislation and regulation.

Communications: There are several ongoing projects that could serve to broaden the student's experience and to provide insight into European affairs. Main tasks could involve:

- 1) Assist in monitoring and assessing activities undertaken by EDMA members to promote pan-European communication projects (e.g. disseminate questionnaires, collate responses and help draft report);
- 2) Take part in preparing and collating part of the association's database;
- 3) Involvement in preparations for the Lab Test Online project, collating information preparing and checking input;
- 4) Be involved with monitoring and follow up of daily activities of EU institutions.

Legislation and regulation: Regulatory work includes the collation of information on forthcoming and existing regulatory issues, the students work could include:

- 5) Research and collation of information on regulatory topics from various sources including European legislation, European institutions, national authorities and reference documents.

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The successful candidate(s) should have the following qualities and skills:

- Some knowledge of EU institutions;
- An interest in EU legislation;
- Fluency in English;
- Good interpersonal skills;
- Initiative;
- Research skills;
- Methodical approach;
- Ability to organise, prioritise and manage several concurrent tasks.