



UL STUDENT TEACHER SUMMER INTERNSHIPS IN A STEM RELATED INDUSTRY

CASTeL STiNT PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EPI•STEM

EPI•STEM the National Centre for STEM Education in the School of Education at the University of Limerick held an information session on the STEM Teachers Internship programme (STInt) at the Centre on Friday 18th November 2022.

The STEM Teacher Internship (STInt) Programme was founded in DCU in 2016 and has 177 STInt Alumni to date. The programme offers student teachers and early career teachers, a three month summer internship programme (paid) in a STEM related industry. STiNT is aimed at Student and Early Career Primary and Secondary STEM Teachers from DCU, TCD, UCD, UCC, University of Limerick, University of Galway, and MU. EPI•STEM, the National Centre for STEM Education is delighted to be a partner on this exciting initiative.

The students are placed in different roles in the STEM related industry for up to 12 weeks - a paid summer internship placement (June - August). These include in person and hybrid placements with a minimum salary of €21,500k pro rata. Students gain wonderful learning opportunities including: Work Readiness Programme for Industry, Work Readiness Programme for Integrated STEM Education and in-person and online communication.

The information seminars was opened by Helen Fitzgerald, Senior Executive Administrator at EPI•STEM. Helen introduced the two keynote speakers: Katie Keogh, Strategic Programme Manager STEM Teacher Internship (STInt) Programme, Centre for the Advancement of STEM Teaching and Learning (CASTeL), Dublin City University and Dr. Jennifer Mc Kenna, European Research Manager, Intel Ireland and STInt Industry Liaison.

Two STInt Alumni from the School of Education at the University of Limerick shared their learning experiences of the programme this summer. Paul Scally who recently graduated from the Bachelor of Technology (Education) in Materials and Engineering Technology spoke about his experience in Ericsson. James Campion a final year student on the PME of Education with Science spoke about his summer internship experience in the ESB. The event was attended by STEM Students from UL's teacher education programmes.

Amongst the benefits mentioned were skills such as enhancing your CV, increasing your knowledge of STEM careers and how STEM is used in industry, increasing your confidence in designing STEM learning experiences based on real-world contexts. There was a felt sense that the intership supported teachers' confidence in advising students about STEM related industries and careers. Besides the students getting the opportunities for developing longer lasting relationships with their STEM industry partner.

Another online information session will be available for students on Thursday 24 November 2022 at 5pm: [register here](#) for the zoom link.

The application process for SUMMER 2023 INTERNSHIPS with STiNT will officially open in late January 2023. Further details will follow in the coming weeks. [Register here](#) to join the STInt mailing list to receive the application link when it opens in January 2023.

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