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Master Neuropsychology

Internships

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Programme

- Research internships in the 1-year master
- Clinical internships in the 1-year master

- The slides of this presentation will be put on AskPsy > Internship > information meetings (will be updated)

NP internships

- Research internship: mandatory for all students
- Research and clinical internship possible: clinical variant
- Choose between the research variant vs. clinical variant

- Important part of your study!

- Professional career starts with an internship:
  - your first working experience
  - your first research experience
  - it is your future
  - think of a topic
  - explore the many possibilities

Master NP curriculum

- September – December:
  - Brain functioning
  - Neurobehavioural functioning
  - Optimising brain and behaviour
  - Methods of assessment
  - Practical training: Neuropsychological assessment
  - Practical training: Basic cognitive psychological skills

- Clinical variant: (if prerequisites are met)
  - December-August: Clinical supervision
  - January-August: clinical internship and research internship

- Research variant: (if prerequisites are met)
  - (September-)January: Academic Skills
  - February-August: research internship

- Choose a variant via Qualtrics request before October 30

  Choice is binding because of number of ECTS

Master NP curriculum: you have to make a choice!

- **Research variant**
- Core courses and skills – 20 Ects
- Academic skills & Research proposal – 5 Ects
- Research internship – 25 Ects
- Master thesis – 10 Ects

- **Clinical variant**
- Core courses and skills – 20 Ects
- Research proposal – 2 Ects
- Research internship – 12 Ects
- Master thesis – 7 Ects
- Clinical supervision – 2 Ects
- Clinical internship – 14 Ects
- Clinical activities report, including 3 case reports – 3 Ects

How to make your choice?

- Are you not interested in clinical neuropsychology? Choose the research variant!
- Do you want to become a researcher? Choose the research variant

- Are you interested in clinical neuropsychology?
  - do the 1-yr master NP clinical variant
  - do the research variant with a postgraduate clinical internship ('onderwijscontractant'/ non-degree seeking student)
  - do the research variant with master Mental Health as second Master (note: only after bachelor Psychology and graduation from NP; Mental Health is Dutch master)

- Are you not sure yet? Choose the clinical variant or make an appointment!

What is the research internship?

Several types of possible internships

- Own empirical research (if possible)
- Collectively gathering data
- Working with existing data provided by supervisor (e.g. panel datasets, meta-analyses, computational modeling)
- Theoretical review (e.g. using Cochrane guidelines of review)

>> for details: see AskPsy

Research internship (mandatory)

- Time period and duration:
  * **Research variant:**
    - sept-jan: Academic skills
    - research internship starts February- summer
    - duration: 6/7 months (cf. 40 Ects)

  * **Clinical variant**
    - Research internship separate from clinical: January – April or May– August
    - Research and clinical internship combined: January – August
    - duration: 4 months (cf. 21 Ects)

- Assessment/ end products:
  * (Academic skills &) research proposal (sufficient)
  * Practical part internship (grade 1-10)
  * Master thesis (grade 1-10)

Research internship

- **WHERE?**
  * Internal: UM / FPN with one of us
  * External: Netherlands, other university or research group
  * External: Outside the Netherlands, other university or research group

- BUT:

Internships under COVID-19

- Do not plan internships in risk countries (Code orange/red).
- Do not travel to countries with code orange/red without permission of FPN.
- Update on COVID-19 policy will be communicated regularly via Askpsy
- Be alert, and during internship in case of lockdown, contact supervisors and make a plan B.
- We always have a plan B.

Research internship

- You always need **2 supervisors**
- **At least 1 is always from UM**

Internal internship

To be first supervisor a PhD degree is required, however exceptions are made and:

- PhD students and Senior lecturers without a Phd holding a UTQ qualification "assessment" AND having supervised two research internships

Can also be first supervisor.

- Phd students holding a UTQ qualification 'assessment' and UM lecturers without a PhD

Can be second supervisor

External internship

→ If supervisor there has PhD degree or a track record showing experience in conducting research and writing scientific papers:

→ Then that person can be the 1st supervisor/assessor.

You need a second assessor from UM that needs to meet the same criteria as for an internal internship

→ If the external supervisor does NOT meet the criteria, he/she can assess the practical part and inform the internal supervisor about the student's performance and grade. You will then need two UM supervisors that meet the same criteria as for an internal internship

Start searching..

- **Own interests:**
  - What topics (courses) catch your interest?
    - Search Psychinfo/ Pubmed
  - What kind of setting/ working environment do you pursue?
    - Look at internet for possibilities/ insitutions

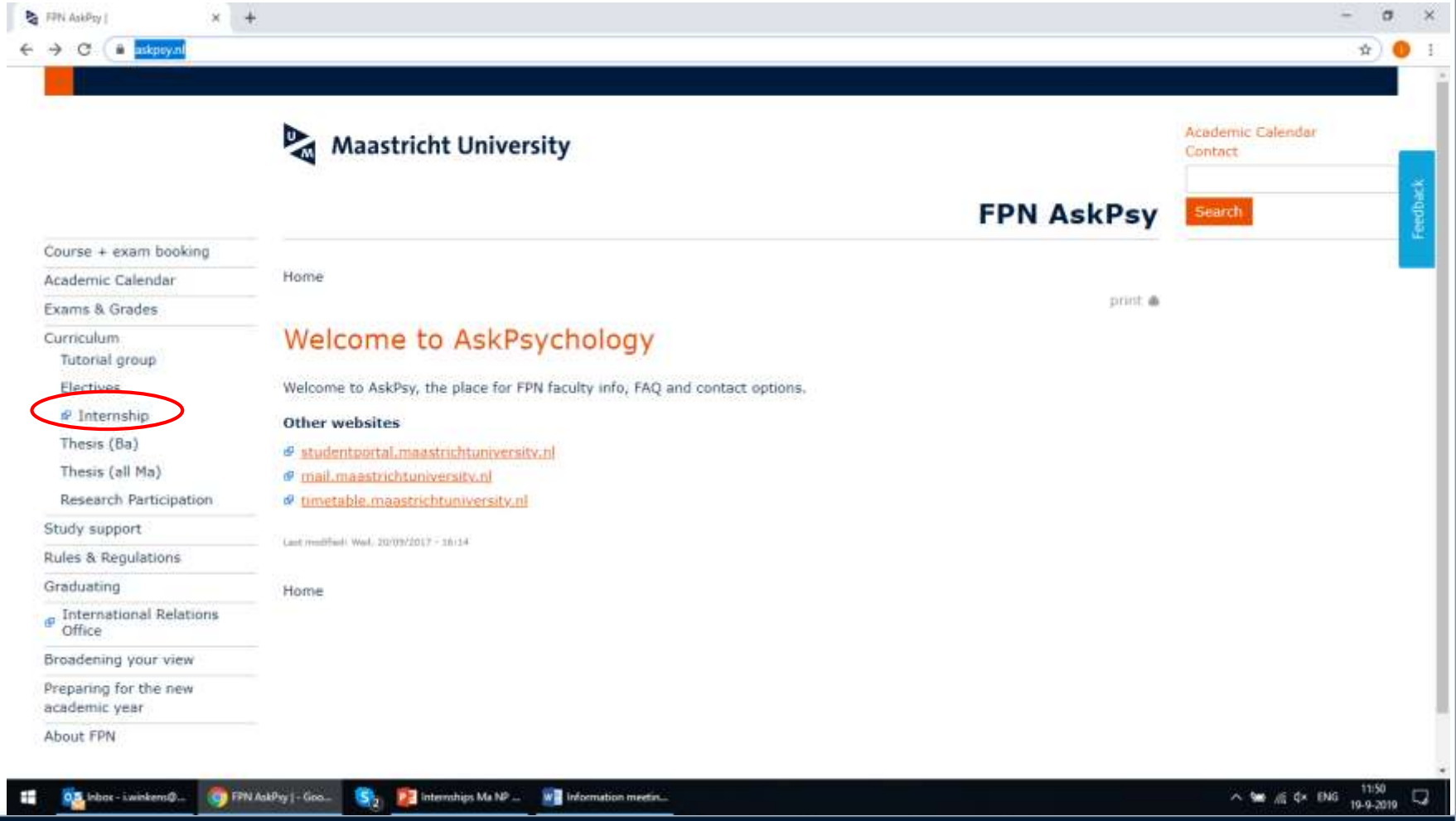
- **Available positions:**
  - AskPsy (see NP research internship offers as well as general 1-year master internship offers)
  - Talk to staff/ teachers (also check department pages, Face-Book)
  - Have a look at websites of other universities/institutions for internship offers, ongoing studies and contact persons

- **Help?** Contact internship coordinator

Apply for a research internship

- Read the information and manual research internship on AskPsy
  - Requirements, i.e., passed two main courses
- Arrange supervisors
  - Approach potential supervisors as if you were applying for a job
  - For external supervisors a factsheet is available with information about internship requirements on AskPsy
  - A face-book of our NP&PP department is available with specifications about expertises/ topics for finding a supervisor
- Online application form (you can find the link on FPN AskPsy):
  - Personal details, information about host institution and supervisors, checklist requirements
- **Contract (legal, insured, requirements met) > no contract, no graduation**

AskPsy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Conducting your research internship

- Make arrangements with supervisors:
  * what do do? when to do it?
  * how much supervision?
  * how often do you meet?

- Research proposal:
  * as soon as possible, before data collection
  - academic skills (only in case of research variant)
    * needs to be assessed by 2 supervisors (sufficient)
    * ethical approval
  - *** planning!**

- Final assessment:
  * Master thesis (grade 1-10), mean of both supervisors
  * Practical part of internship (grade 1-10), by first supervisor

Ethics Approval

- **ERCPN**: no longer reviews external student research projects which are not part of regular FPN research
- Students (and (FPN) supervisors) are also no longer required to present to the ERCPN approval letters of external ethical review
- A standard clause is added to the internship contracts, stating that the scientific research as part of the internship is carried out according to the applicable ethical standards
- Students shall include in their **Research Proposal** how ethical approval is or will be obtained by the person with the primary responsibility for the design and procedure
- **>> Ethical approval is still needed!**

Clinical internship - requirements

Requirements to start:

- Arranged before or on 12 December!
- Pass two courses and neuropsychological assessment

Requirements clinical internship within NP master

> See Factsheet AskPsy: https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/info-for-supervisors

- 520 hours (13 weeks full-time)
- Internship has to be conducted at a clinical institution
- Be actively involved in the diagnostic cycle; intakes, diagnostics, interventions, team meetings, writing reports
- Variety in patients, research questions and testinstruments for case reports
  - https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/clinical-internship-diagnostic-case-report
  - https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/clinical-internship-treatment-case-report (NOT for BAPD/vLOGO)

Supervisors:

- Clinical supervisor, qualified and experienced (neuro)psychologist with a postmaster education
- UM FPN supervisor, affinity with clinical work (see next slide)

Clinical internship - Supervisors

UM FPN supervisors, affinity with clinical work:

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Apply for clinical internship

- Explore the possibilities (AskPsy, internet, coordinator,……): clinical interest?
  - children, adults, elderly
  - hospital, psychiatry, rehabilitation, nursing home, etc
  - diagnostics, treatment, both

- **Application letter +job interview: motivation, be a professional!**

- Arrange supervisors (check BAPD reviewers)
  - https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/clinical-internship-finding-topic-place
  - https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/clinical-internship-supervision-and-assessment

- Online Application form (DorsWeb), link on AskPsy:
  - host institution
  - supervisors
  - want to obtain BAPD/vLOGO?
  - **Plan B!**

- **Contract**

NP in health care

- Hospital, medical psychology
- Hospital, neuropsychology
- Hospital, memory clinic
- Rehabilitation center
- Nursing home
- Mental health care, ambulant
- Mental health care, institutes (elderly, addiction, personality disorders, integral care, ….)
- Care for handicapped persons (physical, mental, multiple)
- Care for children and adolescents
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Forensic institutes
- Epilepsy center
- Private practice
- …….

Conducting your clinical internship

- Make arrangements with supervisors:
  - what do do?
  - when to do it?
  - how much supervision?
  - how often do you meet?
  - When will you receive feedback on reports, when do you need to hand in reports? Take note of holidays!

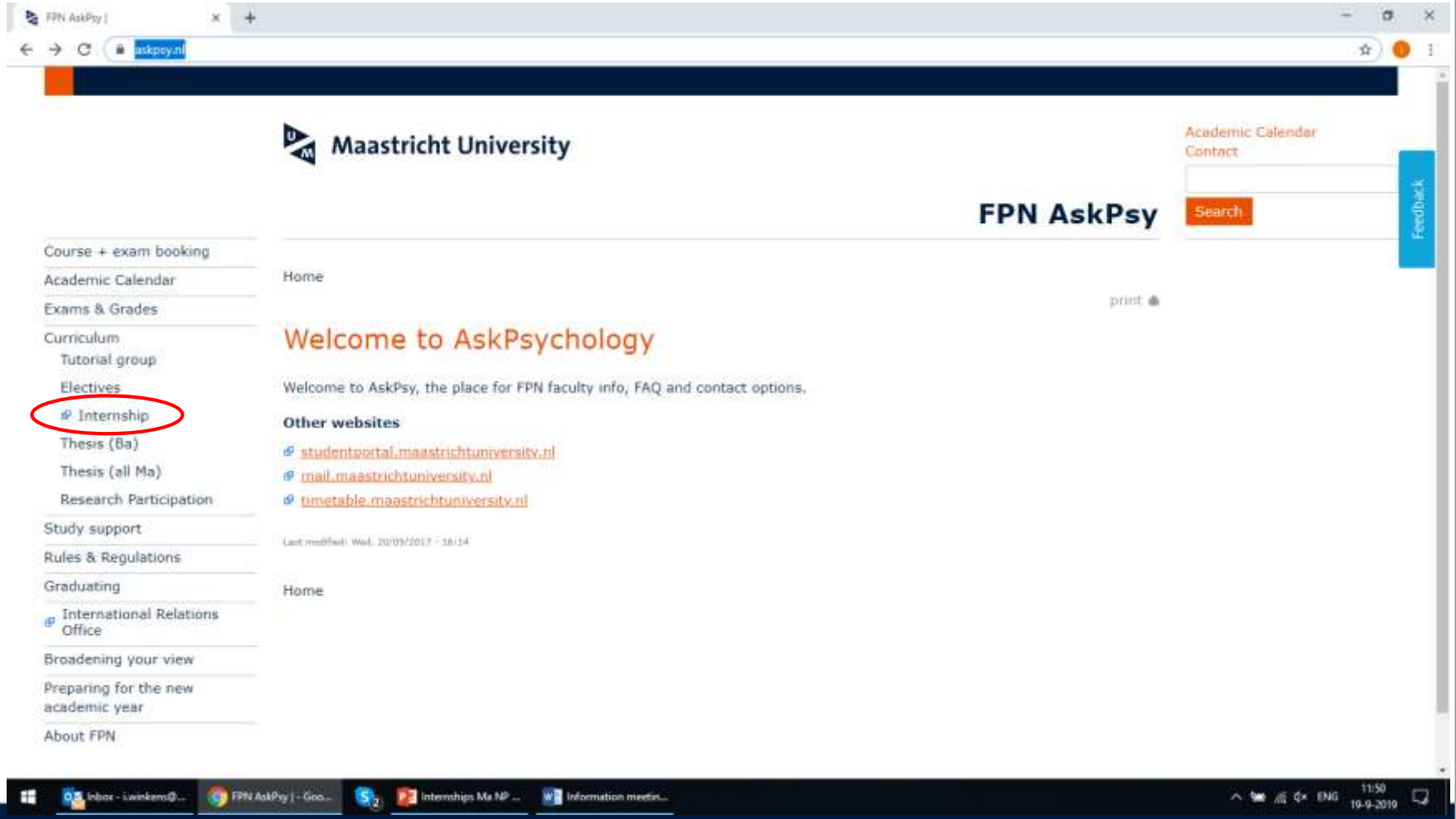
- Final assessment:
  - Clinical activities report and 3 cases (grade)
  - Practical part of internship (sufficient)

Clinical internship

- Assessment/ end products:
  - Evaluation practical part by clinical supervisor: https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/info-for-supervisors (evaluation form institutional supervisor)
  - Clinical Activities Report (CAR) by FPN supervisor (be aware of plagiarism check..)
  - 3 case reports by FPN supervisor

- Clinical supervision (PSY4084)
  - Intervision, starts in december

AskPsy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BAPD

‘Basisaantekening Psychodiagnostiek’

Certificate from the Dutch Institute for Psychologists (NIP)

Only acknowledged by Dutch practices/settings

Needed for vlogo and further postgraduate education (e.g. Health Care psychologist or Gezondheidszorg/GZ-psycholoog).

See www.vlogo.nl

Several ways can lead to BAPD

1. FPN-Student
    1. Within curriculum (NP)
    2. Mental Health as a second master >> aantekening testdiagnostiek!! https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/aantekening-testdiagnostiek

    IMPORTANT: bachelor-degree at another university/faculty?
    - Check the theoretical requirements!
    - contact Ieke Winkens (i.winkens@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

2. 'Onderwijscontractant' (non-degree seeking student) at Maastricht University https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/faculties/psychology-and-neuroscience/education/non-degree-seeking-students
    1. NB first ask permission from exam committee

3. National NIP-committee BAPD (Open University). See https://www.psynip.nl/overige-registraties/bapd/individueel-na-afstuderen/

BAPD

Theoretical requirements - Check when you obtained your bachelor-degree at another university/faculty. Contact Ieke Winkens (i.winkens@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

200 hours clinical internship psychodiagnostics

Important: for GZ/vLOGO-option 520 hours of clinical internship

Clinical Activities Report, UM supervisor, see AskPsy.

3 case reports, graded by acknowledged UM supervisor BAPD!! See AskPsy

GZ/vLOGO

vLOGO is needed for further postmaster education. See:

https://www.vlogo.nl/categorie/logo-verklaring

ALSO: if you plan on working in Forensic Care or GGZ (see www.zorgprestatiemodel.nl)

Additional theoretical requirements. Check when you obtained your bachelor-degree at another university/faculty. Contact Ieke Winkens (i.winkens@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

520 hours of clinical internship (including treatment-related activities)

Minimally 20% diagnostics and care needs assessment, 80% treatment.

Or minimally 20% treatment, and 80% diagnostics and care needs assessment

Clinical Activities Report, UM supervisor, see AskPsy

BAPD or other registration (aant. testdiagnostiek)

More information

AskPsy

Or:

Contact the internship coordinator of your course

Or:

Contact Ieke Winkens (i.winkens@maastrichtuniversity.nl)
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Dates to remember

- Start orienting **now**
- Choose a variant (research or clinical) before **October 30** -> if not, research variant
- Arrange your clinical internship before or on **12 December**-> if not, research variant
- Start internships in **January or February or later** (depending on performance in core courses and research/clinical variant)
- Make a realistic planning
- Final deadline for graduation this academic year: **August 31 2022**
- Check CANVAS course Academic skills PSY4075

Questions?

- Check information on AskPsy!

- Contact:
  - Marian Pieters, educational office (procedure, forms)
  - **Michael Schwartze, coordinator research internships NP**
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  - **Ieke Winkens, coordinator clinical internships NP**
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Good luck with your internship!