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# Pathway: Innovation in International Internships
# A tool for telework placements abroad

Students need international experience and strong foreign language experience to be competitive on the employment marketplace while to keep growing companies nowadays find it neccesary to develop an international growth strategy. One innovative way to meet both these needs is for companies to have international interns work remotely. The Pathway tool supports internships at-a-distance from start to finish.

## Pathway is a tool

Developed during successful experiences of virtual internships using open source code. It allows higher education institutions to offer companies:

- Access to qualified students, coached by academic mentors,
- Cost-effective channels to new knowledge, new markets and native language speakers,
- A possibility to further explore the trend of teleworking.

## The main features of Pathway:

- Best practices to follow for the organization of virtual internships,
- Matching students with internship offers,
- A model internship charter between student, study programme and company, including communication, tasks, deliverables and deadlines,
- Follow-up and evaluation system for interns from a distance.

## Use it free!

The Pathway tool can be accessed and used for free via the website www.provip.eu. The manual and screencasts explaining the use of the tool are available via this web address as well. The Pathway software is also available as open source code via https://github.com/kuldoel/provip, under the GNU General Public Licence. The software can be freely used, changed, and shared (in modified or unmodified form) by anyone who wants to develop a customized version of the tool or who wishes to integrate it in an already existing system.

Additional insights about setting up a university – business partnership in order to support long-term use of the Pathway tool can be obtained from the PROVIP website http://www.provip.eu. Should you require further information please contact mariet.vriens@kuleuven.be.

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