



Internships at Innovation Center Denmark in Silicon Valley, USA

*Would you like to help Danish companies and organizations prosper in the intersection between science, technology, and innovation? How about doing it in the world's number one technology hub? Innovation Center Denmark, Silicon Valley, USA is looking for four talented and energetic interns from **August 1st 2016 to January 31st 2017**.*

We are looking for interns in the areas of Innovation, Research & Development, and Investment & Innovation that are eager to learn and develop professionally as well as personally in one of the most interesting and fast paced business eco systems in the world. It is a requirement that you are currently enrolled in a Master's program at a Danish university. The knowledge, skills, and interests that you bring with you will impact the projects you are going to work with throughout your time at Innovation Center Denmark, in which you will receive ongoing evaluation and feedback.

What do we expect from you?

For all four positions, it is essential that you thrive in an environment where you will get a lot of responsibility and influence in regards of defining and executing your daily tasks. In order to make the ideal candidate for Innovation Center Denmark, you have to be:

- An open minded person with a strong drive to perform both on your own initiative and as part of a team
- An excellent verbal and written communicator in both Danish and English
- A sharp analyst with experience in collecting and presenting complex information in a clear and accessible way

In regards to your academic background, we are not looking for any specific line of studies, but you should rather live up to the characteristics mentioned above.

What can you expect from a stay in Silicon Valley?

If you get to be one of our next interns, you can expect the following:

- A chance to apply and develop your academic skills in an interdisciplinary environment while at the same time obtaining relevant work experience from one of the world's most innovative technology hubs
- A unique possibility of gaining insights in how to do business and networking in the epicenter of technology
- A great opportunity to explore San Francisco and to travel in California
- A life altering experience with an international outlook



How to apply?

In your application, please indicate which internship you are applying for (Innovation, R&D, or I&I), why you think you will be a good fit for the team, and how this internship might fit into your overall personal and professional goals. Also, indicate if you would like to be considered for one of the other teams. Finally, please enclose CV, references, and transcripts of grades in your application.

Additional information can be acquired from Henrik Bo Larsen, Director of Business Development: hebola@um.dk

If you would like to gain more insight in the different aspects of being an intern at Innovation Center Denmark in Silicon Valley, please feel free to contact our current interns for additional information:

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Please email your application in English, and in one single PDF, **no later than Sunday March 6th, 2016** to svicdk@um.dk. Skype/phone interviews will be held **March 10-11th**.

What kind of internships do we offer?

As mentioned above, we offer four internships in the spring of 2016. In the sections below, you can read more about the specific positions.

Innovation Intern

The Innovation Center in Silicon Valley facilitates access to the U.S. market for Danish technology companies mainly within ICT, cleantech, and life science. We work with startups that have an international profile throughout their lifecycle. In addition, the team also works with more mature companies on scouting new technologies from Silicon Valley either on a one-to-one basis or through delegation visits. Finally, you will also be involved in planning and facilitating our SCALEit initiative. Being an Innovation Intern, you will get to perform the following activities:

- Identify best innovation practices and business models, technology scouting, market research, and trend monitoring
- Internal knowledge sharing and communication
- Organizing meetings and events
- Customer and network relationship management

After being an Innovation Intern, you will have gained insight in how to scale start-ups in the USA and how to network and do business in Silicon Valley.



R&D Intern

As part of the R&D team, you will be working closely with the Science and Technology Attaché. Besides being a part of Innovation Center Denmark, the R&D Team is also a part of the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science. We have strategic partnerships with Stanford University, UC Berkeley and other world-class universities in the region.

We perform three core functions in our daily work:

- Establish networks and contacts between Danish and Californian research communities
- Promote Danish research, innovation, and higher education through, among other things, Danish-Californian workshops, conferences, exchanges, etc.
- Collect, promote, and disseminate best practice in California within science, technology, innovation, and higher education.

As R&D Intern, you will get to know how cutting edge research, higher education, and collaborative innovation are organized and intertwined in the Silicon Valley area.

On top of the other requirements to you, we also expect that you have a great passion for and deep understanding of science, technology, and innovation.

Investment & Innovation Intern

As Investment & Innovation Intern, you will work part time with the Innovation Team and the Invest in Denmark team. Thereby, you will perform both the activities mentioned above in the Innovation position as well as identifying American companies interested in investing in Denmark and assisting them in making business plans.

The Invest in Denmark team based in Silicon Valley helps North American companies establish and increase their Danish business activities, thereby creating jobs in Denmark.

After being in this position, you will have gained insight in how to do business in the USA and how to attract foreign capital and investors to Denmark.

About Innovation Center Denmark

Innovation Center Denmark, Silicon Valley, is an innovative cooperation between the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (The Trade Council, including Invest in Denmark) and the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science and was established in Palo Alto, California in 2006. The 14 team members work to create a lasting bridge between technology companies, research institutions, investors, public agencies, and other key players in Denmark and Silicon Valley.

You can read more about us on the [official website](#), on our blog [Silicon Valley Tech Talk](#), or by following us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), or [Twitter](#).



Further information

To ensure that you make the most of your stay here, we will perform ongoing evaluations and feedback sessions in regards of your performance and your learnings.

The internships are unpaid but with a monthly rent support of DKK 3500. There are good opportunities for applying for grants to support your stay in case you can accredit it with ECTS points from your Danish university. We realize that this might be problematic due to the newly implemented study reform but we offer you the opportunity work on study assignments for your home university during work hours. Our current interns will be more than happy to help you in this matter.