



## **Externships Info Session – 2026 Edition**

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# ABOUT AI POLICY LAB

- We are an **interdisciplinary lab at Umeå University pioneering responsible AI governance** through rigorous research, policy dialogue and public engagement.
- We are hosted by the **Department of Computing Science**; researchers from all faculties are welcome for joint research projects.
- We study how AI affects people and institutions, then help public and private organizations govern it well. We **work with policymakers in areas like healthcare and education** to build clear, workable evidence-based guidance and strategies. We help organizations understand risks and build robust AI frameworks.
- We cultivate a **dynamic research community** to anticipate and address policy opportunities for AI for good and AI for all, in a responsible human-centered way.



# MISSION AND VISION



**Mission:** AI is reshaping society. Organisations often lack the tools, skills and capacity to respond. Our mission is to ground AI policy in evidence, ethics, participation and democratic values and we help people build the capabilities to act.

We study AI and its governance, conducting fundamental and applied research across disciplines, sharing our findings through both academic venues, and through tools, pilots and guidance. We respond quickly to urgent policy questions while sustaining long-term inquiry that is anchored in theoretical foundations and concrete models, methods and data.



**Vision:** We aim to work with partners in Sweden and worldwide to make AI governance transparent, accountable and democratic by connecting research, practice and society.

# EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM



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# WHAT ARE EXTERNSHIPS

- 🔍 Externships are like internships but focused on research and learning.
- You'll work on real-world projects with mentorship, and contribute to relevant topics in AI policy.



Programme dates: January 1 – June 30, 2026



Part-time and flexible: fits alongside your studies



Remote-friendly: join from anywhere, or come to Umeå if possible

**Final deliverable:** a report, brief, or prototype based on your research



# RESEARCH FOCUS AREAS

- **You'll work in one of these areas:**

- AI Governance & Compliance
- AI and Human Rights
- AI, Society and Democracy
- Environmental Impacts of AI
- Global Coordination and Policy Harmonization
- AI and Education

- **Projects from 2025 alumni:**

- AI and Homelessness: Ethical AI in the third sector - systems supporting people experiencing homelessness
- Education: Policy Recommendations for Equitable AI-Driven Education in sub-Saharan Countries: Ensuring Accessibility and Fairness
- Designing Responsible AI: The power of user selected Metrics

 **Projects are matched with your interests and skills.**



# WHY APPLY?

## ★ What you'll get:

- 1:1 mentorship
- Hands-on research experience
- Certificate of completion
- Opportunity to present your work
- Join a global community of students and researchers



# APPLICATION

 **Deadline:** 17 October 2025

 What to submit:

- CV (max 2 pages)
- Academic transcript
- Short topic proposal

 Apply through our website: <https://aipolicylab.se/call-for-externships-jan-june-2026/>

**NB!** If you've already submitted your application, you can still go back to it and edit your responses until 17 October 2025

If you haven't uploaded your CV and transcript, titled with your name, your application will not be reviewed.



# HOW DO WE SELECT APPLICANTS?

- Already 200+ applications – it's competitive

We select based on:

- Originality and clarity of your proposal
- Fit with the Lab's research areas
- Motivation and ability to contribute
- No PhD students – only Bachelor's, Master's, or recent grads (max 1 year)

Results will be announced in early November



# DESIGN AND TASK

## **Period 1: Setting up**

Literature Review: Select a specific AI policy topic and conduct a comprehensive literature review.

Research Proposal: Draft a research proposal, outlining research questions, methodology, and outcomes.

## **Period 2: Deep Dive into Research and Skill Development**

Data Collection: Begin gathering data or case studies relevant to the research topic

Stakeholder Analysis: Identify and analyze key stakeholders involved in the selected AI policy issue.

## **Period 3: Analysis and Initial Findings**

Mid-Program Symposium: Interns present their preliminary findings and receive feedback

Data Analysis: Begin analyzing collected data to identify trends, patterns, and insights.

Drafting Policy Recommendations: Start formulating policy recommendations based on research findings.

## **Period 4: Finalizing Research and Policy Recommendations**

Policy Recommendations Document: A polished document of policy recommendations.

## **Period 5: Presentation and Dissemination**

Final Symposium: Research Presentation

Final Report Revision: Incorporate feedback from the final symposium and prepare for publication



# EXPECTATIONS

**Attendance of bi-weekly seminars and workshops**

**Bi-weekly check-ins with mentors**

**Submission of monthly tasks**

**Submission of final task**



# QUESTIONS?

**FEEL FREE TO RAISE YOUR HAND OR DROP A MESSAGE IN  
THE CHAT**

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