

MICRO-633

Practical in venture capital

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
EDOC General and external courses		Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	3
Session	
Exam	Multiple
Workload	90h
Hours	42
Lecture	12
Practical work	30
Number of positions	10

Frequency

Every year

Remark

Next time: Spring 2025

Summary

In a collaboration with EPFL, Verve is seeking PhD students who are interested in gaining first-hand Venture Capital experience and are passionate about working with technology startups across Europe. Fellows will acquire all necessary skills to cover the entire investment process

Content

Verve Ventures | Verve Capital Partners AG is a Swiss-based Venture Capital investor with a focus on European technology startups with offices in Lausanne, Zurich, Berlin, Paris and Cambridge. The three main investment verticals are ICT, Industrial High Tech and Health & Bio. With more than 100 portfolio companies and more than CHF 645M invested in 2021, VCP is among the most active investors in Europe.

In a collaboration with EPFL, Verve is inviting highly motivated students who are interested in gaining first-hand Venture Capital experience and are passionate about working with technology startups across Europe to apply for the Venture Fellowship Programme. As part of the Venture Fellowship Programme, you will learn about an be part of investment decision-making process as an integral part of our investment team and be directly involved in generating industry-specific deal flow and selecting the best investment opportunities. You will build your own entrepreneurial skills by interacting with start-up founders, investors and KOLs.

Fellowship Role

- Work with a small team of other Venture Fellows directly with an highly experienced Investment team to source, assess and manage deal flow in a specific industry across Europe
- Deliver a technology mapping report after the first 4 month of the program of the fellowship program
- Learn to perform in depth analysis of selected deals on technology, competitive landscape and market environment and prepare investment documents
- Utilize Verve's proprietary IT infrastructure to streamline data and make recommendations to the Investment Manager about the deal pipeline

Requirements

- Enrolled as a PhD student at EPFL and having successfully passed candidacy
- Intrinsically motivated student with a deep interest in entrepreneurship, technology innovation and startups

- Very strong communication and analytical skills
- Commitment of 2-4hours per week for the duration of 10-12 months

Students are required to submit an application that includes writing a motivation letter and answering technology/entrepreneurship questions via the online portal:

<https://forms.gle/abtechmQ8DmnjzcD9>

(You may access the form using your personal google account or your EPFL account. If you are using the EPFL account and are not able to see the page, please 1) check your authenticate by logging out and back in or 2) login to a different google account.)

Deadline to submit application: January 15, 2025

Selection of students and notification: February 10, 2025

Start of the course : February 20, 2025

End of Course: December 20, 2025

Note

This course is open to PhD students who already successfully passed their candidacy exam. A maximum of 10 PhD students can register for the course MICRO-633 that will start on 20th February 2025 and end on 20th December 2025.

Resources

Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/MICRO-633>