



**VACANCY internship SPRING
Academy context programming
SPRING Performing Arts Festival |
Place: Utrecht | Period: Jan until June
2026 Amount: 3-4 days/week
Closing date: 17-11-2025**

SPRING Performing Arts Festival is a ten-day international festival with innovative dance, theatre, performance and more in the city of Utrecht. You will find SPRING in the theatres, at special locations and in public spaces. At the festival you will see over 25 adventurous and urgent performances from both near and far that dare to ask questions about the state of the world. You can be surprised by new artistic forms and inspired by other ways of looking at the world around you. During SPRING, makers and a curious audience meet for exchange, discussion, inspiration and fun.

SPRING 2026 will take place from May 14th until May 23rd.

For our upcoming festival edition we are looking for:

Intern Context Program & Production

(January until June 2026, 3-4 days per week and full time during festival (days negotiable, increasing towards festival))

What will you do?

In the SPRING Academy, our platform for artistic exchange during the festival, we connect the upcoming generation of artists, dramaturgs, scenographers and researchers with festival creators through workshops, master classes, talks, symposia and exchanges. We also develop the festival's contextual program in the Academy for our general audience, in the shape of talks and reading groups, amongst much more. You will support the SPRING Academy team in terms of program, production and the zone in between. You will assist the Head of SPRING Academy with curating programs, consultation with educational institutions and execution of the programs. You will assist the producer with planning, organization and execution. Optionally, you will also support the role of City Connector, to connect new audiences to SPRING and build a deeper relationship between the festival program and the city of Utrecht. Within this team the lines of communication are short and there is room for your own input and initiatives. During the festival you will be present at the Academy location and help to guide the Academy participants. You will also be present at contextual programs at other locations, such as the Stadsschouwburg or Theater Kikker. You are mainly supporting the two colleagues in the team, but for some tasks you will also have main responsibility. The exact tasks are by mutual agreement based on your learning goals.

Who are you?

- ✓ You communicate clearly and are assertive;
- ✓ You switch easily between dramaturgical, organizational and practical work;
- ✓ You are creative and get excited about designing and executing programs for emerging artists and (art)students;
- ✓ You are sociable and dare to present in front of large groups;
- ✓ You feel connected with SPRING's artistic signature;
- ✓ You master the English language (Dutch is preferred);

- ✓ You are following a relevant education - such as Theater studies, Media & Culture, Arts & Society - or you have just graduated and are looking for work experience, or you are self-taught;
- ✓ You are available during the entire period of the festival;
- ✓ You are willing and available to work long(er) days during the festival and the lead-up to the festival;
- ✓ You also dare to respond to this vacancy if you do not (yet) meet these descriptions, because we are open to anyone with a clear motivation. SPRING embraces the greatest variety of people.

What's in it for you?

SPRING offers a great opportunity to gain a lot of knowledge and experience in a dynamic festival organization. Here you can develop further as a program maker and/or production talent. You are part of the Academy team and will be supervised by an experienced colleague. Moreover, an internship can be a great start for building a professional network. You will receive an allowance of €375 per month (full-time). It is possible to combine the internship with (graduation) research. Period: January to June 2026 at the latest, 3-4 days per week and during the festival full-time (May 14 - 23). Exact start and amount of days in consultation.

Interested? Let us hear from you!

Please send your motivation and CV, stating 'Internship SPRING Academy', to Erin Coppens, Business director, before Monday November 17th via sollicitatie@springutrecht.nl. In case you have any questions, you can also contact this email address. We look forward to getting to know you.