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The Harvard Business Review of October 2012 put the spotlight on “big data” and highlights the need for data scientists and the shortage which exists of such skills. The article points out that more and more companies become data driven companies, with an increasing demand for sophisticated data methodologies.

The Statistical Industry HUB is a channel through which student enrichment and extended development can be facilitated. It is implemented through internships and industry derived research topics for students mainly at the master’s level but not excluding the doctoral level. Research topics from consultation projects may form the basis of dissertation topics of student on the internship program. Such dissertations will focus on basic research with an applied component linking back to the original industry derived requirements

Through internships students experience the applied component of research and gain insight into the profession. Internship activities are centred on a student’s dissertation research topic and will therefore support the contextualisation of the research topic.

The application form must be submitted to IT 5-17 or IT 5-16 before **30 September 2017**. Any queries, please contact Dr Kanfer (frans.kanfer@up.ac.za).