

## Shadow a project manager

The CMB initiative "shadow a project manager" aims to give students who attend the master's program DCPM (Design and Construction Project Management) at Chalmers practical knowledge and experience from the public construction industry. The background is that many young people, especially international students, find it difficult to build their own network, find relevant tasks for their master thesis and work after completing their education.

By shadowing a project manager, students are given the opportunity to interact with an experienced professional on at least three occasions during the spring (study period 3). The students are given an insight into the project manager's working day, and thus get a feel for both working methods and industry culture, as well as insight into what it actually means to work as a project manager, meet customers, handle technology issues and more.

The students apply in pairs, with an international and a Swedish/Swedish-speaking student. They are then connected with a project manager (or similar position) from one of CMB's partner organizations. The arrangement is designed so that the Swedish students function as a linguistic and cultural bridge in relation to the international student. Communication between students and project managers takes place in Swedish and / or English, based on needs and state of knowledge. However, students must be prepared for the fact that during the shadowing, they will probably encounter many situations where Swedish is spoken, e.g. project meetings, customer meetings and alike.

Our recommendation is that project managers and students meet on three occasions, approximately half a day at a time. However, this is adapted to current conditions. The content at each occasion may also vary depending on current project involvement, but an overall approach may look as follows:

- First meeting: Description of the project manager role and current project involvement.
- Second meeting: Project meeting and workplace visit.
- Third meeting: Customer meeting, related to project delivery.

*We are now looking for both students and project managers for the shadowing starting January 2021!*

How to apply:

**Project manager (or similar role):** briefly describe what responsibilities you have and what your everyday work life looks like. Also feel free to tell us how comfortable you are with speaking English. Send to [kristin.ostling@cmb-chalmers.se](mailto:kristin.ostling@cmb-chalmers.se)

No later than 10 Nov 2020.

**Students:** Find a fellow student to register with and send in a short description of what previous experiences you have of practical work in the construction industry and if you have any particular area of interest. Send to [kristin.ostling@cmb-chalmers.se](mailto:kristin.ostling@cmb-chalmers.se)

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