

# COEN BREEDVELD, MASTER STUDENT IN CHEMISTRY

PUBLISHED ON 31 JANUARY 2017

SBB has shown me the wide range opportunities in the field between science and business. The courses in my master program were really interesting. However, while following the courses and in writing my thesis I found that my personal skills better fit with the business side of science.

## COURSES

The SBB fundamentals were a completely new experience. The group dynamics of the SBB students is something that will stick with me. All students participating were from different backgrounds in science, but we all shared a common interest in the concepts that make science possible, like innovation management, finance and entrepreneurship. The 10-week course is rather intense, you really share a team spirit with the whole group and are introduced to a large range of topics at a high pace. This learning environment with a more pronounced focus on teamwork and business mirrors the business environment to a certain extend.

## INTERNSHIP

The SBB internship is great way to get hands-on experience and see if your interest in a certain industry is as expected. The examples of internship are plenty, ranging from internships in the pharmaceutical industry to big consultancy firms. My internship at KplusV, a small consultancy firm, provided very useful insights in the industry and my personal skills.

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Another topic that SBB introduced me to was entrepreneurship. The close relationship between SBB and the biotech companies on the Leiden Bio Science Park provides very useful insights in the world of biotech and entrepreneurship. Seeing the examples of ambitious and successful entrepreneurs and hearing how they started their own companies was inspiring.

I would highly recommend the all SBB courses to students. Whether you are interested in academia or looking for opportunities outside the university, SBB provides a fresh overview of both worlds.