Internship Opportunity — Coffee Sustainability

Carbon accounting & low-carbon coffee offer

Team: Sustainability **Location**: Amsterdam (NL)

Duration: 5 months **Start**: Nov 2026

About us

Sucden Coffee is a global green coffee merchant - we buy coffee from the countries where it's grown and supply it to roasters around the world. Within that, our Sustainability team makes sure the coffee we trade is produced responsibly. We work directly with farmers and suppliers at origin, keep track of exactly where our coffee comes from, help the business meet Europe's fast-growing sustainability rules, and run programmes that protect forests, support farming communities and improve the way coffee is grown.

What you'll work on

- **How much carbon is in our coffee?** You'll help us measure the greenhouse gas emissions linked to the coffee we trade, and figure out where the numbers are solid and where they need improving.
- **Can we sell "low-carbon" coffee?** You'll look into whether our customers want coffee with a smaller footprint, what they'd expect from it, and whether there's a real business case for offering it.
- **How do we actually reduce the footprint?** You'll help us connect climate-friendly practices on farms (like planting trees) to our sustainability programmes, and map out a simple plan for cutting emissions over time.
- Aligning the carbon calculating and projection with internationally recognized GHG standards.

What you'll produce

By the end of the internship, you'll have produced:

- A carbon footprint overview. A clear picture of the greenhouse gas emissions behind our coffee broken down by origin and supply chain type, showing which figures we can rely on today and where the data needs to improve.
- A low-carbon business case. A short, decision-ready recommendation on whether we could offer lower carbon coffee: who would want it, what would take to deliver and whether it makes commercial sense.
- A reduction roadmap for our direct supply chains: A simple, prioritized plan of the most promising ways to cut emissions at origin – what they are, roughly how much difference each could make, and how they fit into our existing sustainability interventions.
- A final presentation: A clear summary of your findings and recommendations, shared with the sustainability and commercial teams to feed into real decisions.

Who we're looking for:

- A Master student (or recent graduate) specialising in carbon accounting – for example within a sustainability, environmental science, economics or agricultural program.
- Someone comfortable working with numbers and data (Excel is your friend).
- A clear communicator in English who can turn analysis into simple, useful advice.
- Curious about coffee, farming, climate and how businesses can do better.