



# Internship

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Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Undergraduate Program

**“ You...get a chance to test the waters of the real world and put into practice all the theoretical knowledge you have gained at uni. ”**

**“ This internship helps you learn new skills - such as how to interact in a work environment, how to manage workloads and how to work in a team. It teaches you how to go about getting a job - in the summer or when you graduate. ”**

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Students in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at UNSW have the option to enrol in a degree credit internship course during second or third year. The program provides an exciting opportunity to put theory into practice and gain valuable professional experience.

The internship structure is flexible and can be tailored to fit along side your other courses. Internships are not guaranteed, however, our internship coordinator will work closely with you to find a role and organisation that is a good match for your personal and academic interests. The process of finding an internship uses a career development learning model that gives you practice in:

- > identifying your skills
- > researching opportunities
- > reflecting on values and self-awareness
- > building your résumé
- > making career choices

The rewards from doing an internship include: exposure to the workplace; experience in an area you are interested in; and building your skills and capacity for working with different people in organisations.

### Graduates with an Edge

- > Learn how organisations in the private, public and non-profit sectors operate
- > Networking - make contacts with organisations and professionals which benefit your studies and help your future career prospects
- > Add professional work experience to your résumé
- > Experience a professional work environment before you graduate
- > Increase your awareness of career options



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## Where could I do an Internship?

Our students have completed internships in:

- > Government
- > Corporations
- > Private or Community Organisations
- > Non-Government Organisations
- > Human Resources
- > Entertainment/Arts
- > Health
- > Fashion
- > Media and Communications
- > Hospitality
- > Travel and Tourism
- > Publishing

## When do I apply for an Internship?

Once you enrol as a student in the UNSW Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences you should contact the Program Manager - Student Development expressing your interest in the course.

## STUDENT TALK

*"I have gained a real life glimpse at the job I have thought about doing for so long. Reading about it is one thing and actually doing it are two very different things and thanks to this internship that has been made abundantly clear. The people I worked with gave me an honest and direct view of my future workplace environment"*

*"[The internship] ... is a great insight into the professional world, which is one of the primary reasons that most of us are at university. Assuming responsibility for one's tasks as part of a team is exciting and rewarding....Also things like getting to see how all the theoretical arguments that you encounter as a student at uni are being played out in a boardroom amongst members of an organisation regarding decisions that effect policy-making"*



## Benefits before and after graduation!

Reflective and academic practices are embedded within the academic assessment processes. Students analyse organisational theory in their major assignment and link it to their experience, as well as completing a daily journal.

Students have used their skills to organise events, contribute to research, produce radio programs, lobby government, develop and conduct surveys, use their language skills, write media releases, and design multimedia content.

The internship experience and workplace knowledge brought back into the academic learning environment is invaluable. It provides students with an increased awareness and understanding of the real world implications of their theoretical studies.

## Our Students

A sample of the organisations our students have experience with:

- > Amnesty International Australia
- > Australian Broadcasting Authority
- > Bell Shakespeare Company
- > Health Department of NSW
- > Lowy Institute for International Policy
- > NSW Commission for Children and Young People
- > NSW Heritage Office
- > SBS Radio and Television
- > Radio 2GB
- > Slimming and Health Magazine
- > Corrective Services NSW
- > Centre for Independent Studies
- > Mothership Music

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