ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIPS
AURORA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
SUMMER 2017/18

The Internship Program introduces students and graduates of anthropology and other social sciences (namely archaeology, cultural heritage, environmental management, history, human geography and sociology) to career opportunities in native title, land rights, policy development, research and social justice, all with an Indigenous focus. Applicants with a background in media/communications, business, health science, psychology and social work may also be considered. We will be focusing more on supporting improved outcomes for Indigenous students and graduates via Scholarships as pathways to jobs in Indigenous and Indigenous-sector organisations.

General Information

The Program aims to provide assistance to the anthropology and research staff of under-resourced and over-worked Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs), Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs) as well as to various other organisations working in the sector including Indigenous organisations, government bodies, community groups and policy organisations.

There are two intakes for interns annually, during the summer and winter university breaks, for five to six weeks, with some flexibility for graduates. It is preferable for applicants to be in their final year of study or have graduated. Applications open in March and August of each year.

NTRBs employ anthropologists and other researchers, field officers and administrative staff to represent and support Indigenous communities in native title claims, advocacy and other negotiations. Other Hosts advocate policies of reconciliation and equal rights for Indigenous Australians while some provide assistance to Indigenous communities with cultural heritage activities, as well as associated business, research and community-based initiatives

Aurora Hosts are located in:

Adelaide, Albany, Alice Springs, Armidale, Bendigo, Brisbane, Broome, Broken Hill, Cairns, Camooweal, Canberra, Cooktown, Darwin, Fitzroy Crossing, Geraldton, Horsham, Kalgoorlie, Karratha, Katherine, Kununurra, Lismore, Melbourne, Moree, Newcastle, Nhulunbuy, Perth, Port Hedland, Sydney, Thursday Island, Umuwa, Wadeye and Wollongong.

Paid placements

Following on from an internship, opportunites may be available to anthropology and other social science students and graduates as well as qualified anthropologists and archaeologists. Paid roles can start at two months and continue for up to one year. Duties, conditions and remuneration vary and employment opportunities are negotiated directly with the Host.

Applications

Applications for the summer 2017/18 round of internships will be accepted online via our website between 9am AEST Monday 31 July through to 5pm AEST Friday 25 August 2017.

More information

For more information and how to apply please visit our website at: http://auroraproject.com.au/students-and-graduates

A full account of the research into NTRBs and recommendations that led to the establishment of the Program can be found at: www.auroraproject.com.au/sites/default/files/2005_april_report_0.pdf

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HOW TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

- We strongly encourage you **NOT** to leave submitting your online application to the very last day.

- Please note that we can only accept up to **375 applications** for this round. As soon as the quota has been reached, online applications will shut down and you will not be able to access the application form.

- You will need to provide **TWO WRITTEN REFERENCES** to attach to your application material, including at least **one** who is able to comment on your **academic** merit and **one** who can comment on your **professional** merit (note that two academic references will be accepted). **Phone references will not be accepted.**

- Please note that **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5pm (SYDNEY TIME) Friday, 25 August 2017.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

There are **2 steps** to the application process as outlined below:

Step 1

Prepare the required information in the following order as a **SINGLE** Microsoft Word document that includes:

i) A **cover letter** (addressed to Kim Barlin, Placements Manager) highlighting the following (Please note: your application will NOT be considered if you exceed the word limits set out below):

- A strong academic record (max. 200 words)
- Demonstrated experience in and/or knowledge of Indigenous/multicultural affairs, social justice and other legal work and/or fieldwork (max.200 words)
- Demonstrated reliability and integrity (max.200 words)
- Demonstrated strong interpersonal and communication skills (max. 200 words)
- Motivation and initiative (max. 200 words).

ii) A **curriculum vitae**

iii) A passport-size **photo**

iv) An up to date **academic transcript/s** (official or unofficial) listing all university results (please note that it is possible to copy a Pdf academic transcript into a word document by copying and pasting it as a picture).

v) **Two written references,** including at least **one** who is able to comment on your **academic** merit and **one** who can comment on your **professional** merit (note that two academic references will be accepted). Please go to our website to download a Pdf copy of the **Aurora Reference Request** outlining the criteria to be addressed by your referees.

Your referees will only be contacted (via email) by the Placements team in the event that we require further information and their details will remain confidential. Please ensure that you have provided us with up-to-date referee email addresses in your on-line form. Phone references will not be accepted.

Please ensure to clearly label and save your **SINGLE** Microsoft Word document as follows: **surname.firstname. university.anthro.socsci.app.doc.**

If you are applying in more than one stream, you should identify which stream/s as follows: **surname.firstname. university.legal.anthro.socsci.app.doc.**

You will then be asked to attach the **SINGLE** Microsoft Word document to your online application form.

Step 2

i) Complete the **on-line application form** via the Aurora website (**www.auroraproject.com.au/about-applying-internship**)

ii) At the end of the online form, attach a **SINGLE** Microsoft Word document which will need to include: a cover letter, CV, photo, academic transcript/s (official or unofficial), and two written references.

iii) When you have attached your **SINGLE** Microsoft Word document please click on the **submit** button.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE: Once you have submitted your application you will immediately receive a confirmation email from the Placements team. If you do not receive this email, this means that your application has not successfully gone through and you will need to re-submit. Be sure to check your 'Junk' email!

Important dates:

- All applicants will be notified by **mid-September** as to whether or not their application has progressed to the interview stage of the process.

- All candidates who have been interviewed will be notified by **late October** as to whether or not they are eligible to be proposed for an Aurora internship.

If you have not heard from us, be sure to check your 'Junk' email or send us an email to

To avoid correspondence ending up in Junk, please add this email address to your trusted 'Safe Recipients' list.

It is important to note in advance that placement opportunities available through the Aurora Internship Program directly reflect the demand from host organisations and this sometimes comes to us very late in the day. For this reason some placements can be confirmed as late as two weeks prior to the scheduled commencement of the internship. It may not be possible to place all candidates who are eligible.

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