

### The Program

Enhance your study abroad experience by combining a practical internship placement with academic study. The ACU Study Internship combination allows you to enrol in 2-3 elective units (subjects) while also taking a professional internship at a local company. This program is an attractive arrangement as it offers experience in Australian university and work environments.

Our internship program is designed to help you:

- Experience the Australian work culture
- Develop work-related skills
- Strengthen cross-cultural communication skills
- Engage in the local community
- Establish industry networks and contacts

All internships are unpaid, but the exposure will be an invaluable experience and will boost your resume. Consider the internship an investment in your future career!

**Location:** Brisbane or Melbourne

**When:** February and July intakes

**Duration:** Semester (includes 120 hour placement)

**How Much:** \$6,900 (semester abroad *plus* Internship program)

- How To Apply:**
1. Apply to the ACU Study Abroad Program
  2. Indicate your interest in the Study Abroad *plus* Internship component
  3. Complete a brief sub-application
  4. Prepare for the adventure!

*A minimum cohort is required to run each program.*

### Internship Placement

ACU accepts you into the study abroad program and internship component. Our professional staff arrange the internships and place students with host companies. Placements are limited and not guaranteed - a flexible attitude is key!

Your Internship must relate to your study major and interests. Internships are offered in fields such as:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Business Administration | • Communications          | • Environmental Science | • Non-Profit Organisations |
| • Information Systems     | • International Relations | • Education             | • Event Management         |
| • Marketing               | • Fundraising             | • Social Science        | • Creative Arts            |
| • Media                   | • Public Relations        | • Political Science     | • Hotel Management         |

Projects in the following areas are competitive and are limited:

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| • Banking    | • Investments | • Medical Sciences | • Psychology |
| • Accounting | • Research    | • Film             | • Television |

We are constantly sourcing new internship opportunities however it is important to note:

- Internship placements are in high demand and can not be guaranteed
- Internships are designed for undergraduate students
- You are unlikely to secure an internship if you have no experience or study history in the field you request
- Some companies will only take on a student following an in-person interview
- You may use your own contacts and resources to secure a placement for the purpose of this program
- If a suitable placement can not be sourced, or is not suitable, please be prepared that you will only complete the study component and take a full load of classes.

### Study Abroad Internship Unit Outline

<b>Unit Code:</b>	UNIV200
<b>Unit Title:</b>	Internship for Overseas Students 1
<b>Credit Points:</b>	10
<b>Pre-requisites:</b>	Nil

#### Description:

Students will apply theory and skills derived from previous/current study to their workplace and develop new skills as well as an industry perspective in their area of work. They will gain an awareness of required outcomes of the workplace; procedures followed to achieve them; their own and others work styles; and cross-cultural communication skills. They will engage in critical reflection on their experience through production of a report.

#### Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this unit the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate application of theory to practice;
2. Demonstrate an awareness of cultural differences in the workplace;
3. Analyse work procedures and make recommendations;
4. Produce a critical analysis of their experience.

#### Teaching Organisation:

Successful completion of 120 hours (10 hours per week for 12 weeks) undertaking a negotiated learning experience in the workplace.

#### Assessment:

The unit is assessed on a Pass/Fail basis only. Possible assessment tasks may include:

1. Journal of activities submitted on a weekly basis;
2. Analysis of three readings related to intercultural communication;
3. Written assignment analysing the cultural influences on the internship organisation;
4. Paper integrating academic study and experience with practical experience of the internship.

#### Recommended Texts and References:

The Course Coordinator will recommend resources relevant to the internship.

*Add value to your study abroad experience!*

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