



Science Internship Program

Information for Host organisations



Overview

The Science Internship Program is an opportunity for Host organisations to work with our talented and motivated students to complete a project of real value to your organisation. You will provide a valuable learning experience in your industry to students studying Science and Health.

Placements are typically with Host organisations related to a field of science, where students can apply their technical skills and science training in a professional context.

Students work approximately 90 hours with the Host and have time allocated for independent study, research and cohort meetings. This equates to 1–2 days per week for a 12-week semester or as a more intensive internship over semester breaks. Options for larger placements are available.

- Round 1: Summer intensive (Jan – Feb) and Semester 1 (Feb–Jun)
- Round 2: Winter intensive (Jun–Jul) and Semester 2 (Jul–Oct)

Placements are advertised to students across broad subjects in science, including:

- Astronomy
- Computer science
- Health science
- Physics
- Astrophysics
- Earth science
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Biology
- Environmental science
- Medicine
- Public health
- Chemistry
- Geography
- Modelling and statistics
- Science communication

Students

The internship program is open to later-year undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students. All students require a distinction average grade across their science subjects. The internship is incorporated into students' degree structures and the students receive academic credit.

The Science Internships Office will advertise the internships and manage the application process. The Host organisations will interview and select their preferred candidates for their projects. The Science Internships Office will run an induction session prior to the start of their placements.

During the internship, students will have a Host supervisor and an ANU supervisor. The Host supervisor will provide the hands-on supervision and guidance in the workplace. The ANU supervisor will form the link between the Host organisation and the University, and guide the student as an academic mentor.

Host organisations

There are no costs involved in participating in the Science Internship Program. The Host organisations will provide the intern with a supervisor, office space, and the facilities and resources they need to complete their work. The Host supervisor will provide regular feedback on the student's progress, directly to the student as a form of professional development, and via monitoring from the Science Internships Office.

Students will complete four assessment items during their internship: project proposal, written report, oral presentation to the Host organisation, and a career development program/reflection. ANU supervisors and the ANU Internship Convener are responsible for grading the work, in consultation with the Host supervisors.



“Hosting ANU interns has enabled us to kick start new projects and provided us with insights on specific topic areas. The outcomes from the internships have delivered valuable resources we continue to refer to, and we have been impressed by the breadth of experience the interns bring with them. It is always a pleasure to host ANU interns and see what new ideas and perspectives they bring to our team.”

Indigo Strudwicke

Policy Coordinator – National Committees for Science at the Australian Academy of Science

To get started

The Host organisation and ANU will sign a Host Placement Agreement, which includes clauses for insurance, non-disclosure of confidential information and IP protection. Before each placement, an internship schedule will be completed, defining the nature of the project.

Further information

Visit the internship webpage
science.anu.edu.au/engagement/hosting-intern

To discuss potential projects or initiate a placement opportunity, please contact the Science Internships Office.

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