

Social Justice and SSPS Student Placements Program

Introducing our Program

Our Social Justice Student Placement program is offered to students in the Master of Social Justice (Available in three streams: Development Studies, Peace and Conflict, and Human Rights) Master of International Relations; Master of International Studies; Master of Public Policy, and; Master of International Security. In this program, we hope to partner with industry to deliver vocational training beyond the classroom. Also, to provide students an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the important work undertaken in the social justice sector. To participate in this program, students are required to enrol in the following units of study, which frames their vocational learning:

SCLG6923: Social Justice Vocational Project Design (Optional)

This unit of study provides students with practical training in experiential learning methodologies with application to working in the social justice sector. Students will also be introduced to cross-cutting issues in the sector, such as funding, and will receive training in vocational competencies, such as cultural competence and project management. Assessment in this unit of study allows students to critically apply their own area study and/or disciplinary lenses in setting professional development goals and planning a future project.

SSPS6003: Vocational Placement

This unit offers students the opportunity to gain a working knowledge of applied social and political science practice by undertaking a project-based placement in a domestic or international organisation. Under the supervision of the organisation, students undertake a specific focused task or set of tasks relevant to the organisation's mandate. Building on knowledge and skills developed in the course of a SSPS Master degree, this unit allows students to draw links between their practice and scholarship relevant to their host degree program. Completion of this unit of study is assessed as pass/fail. Permission required from Department and / or School.

Why host a student placement?

Industry placements allow students to gain invaluable vocational experience providing an opportunity to apply and extend their learning in the classroom. They also provide valued industry partners with access to postgraduate students with experience training to make meaningful contributions to the work of host organisations. In conjunction with our valued industry partners, we offer 'project based' unpaid placements for credit within a structured academic program. Placements are 140 hour (approx. 20 days full-time or equivalent part-time). Previous partners include: Institute for Economics and Peace, Unicef Australia, Global Greens, Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA), European Australian Business Council (EABC) People With Disability Australia (PWDA) and Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR).

What's involved?

- Work with University to agree on a framework for student placements that will add value to your work
- Prepare position description/s which the University will circulate inviting student applications at designated times (or accept resumes from interested students on an ongoing basis)
- Vet students as per your preferred process
- Host accepted students for 140 hours (typically 20 days) and sign-off on their completion.

Access University support as required: Academic Placement Coordinator, Student Placement Officer, allocated Academic Supervisor

For more information, please go to:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/arts/industry-and-community/industry-partnerships/student-placements.html>

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