While physical borders may still be closed, virtual ones are not. Make the most of this time and gain international professional experience without leaving home!

The Program

Students on this program will participate in our prestigious and competitive internship program (internship + ARTS2600 class) alongside a suite of optional seminars on Australian culture.

The internships are industry or research based placements and will give students the chance to experience an Australian work environment remotely.

All internships are for University of Sydney credit. (Students need to check with their home institution regarding credit transfer.)

Students will enhance their communication skills, as well as their cross-cultural and interpersonal skills, while gaining a competitive advantage in the graduate employment market.

About Our Internships

Students complete 10 hours of professional development workshops, found reflective assessments, and a minimum of 120 hours with a host organisation, either over 6 weeks in our intensive intake (June-July) or over 12-14 weeks in our semester intake (August-November). The placement requires no extra fees and students receive a final grade that appears on their University of Sydney transcript.

We work with companies from a variety of fields including startups, technology firms and not-for-profit organisations. Recent placements include:

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Beauticate
- Cancer Council NSW
- Greenpeace
- Intro Travel
- ModiBodi
- Rainforest Rescue
- Sydney Story Factory
- Taronga Conservation Society of Australia
- United States Studies Centre
- Young Henry’s Brewery

‘(My intern) was incredibly flexible and adapted well to remote working and supervision. She was motivated to work independently and problem solve, while keeping me updated. We had weekly check-ins and used google docs so I could see her progress…she learned quickly how to remotely use the resources and provide help to the research team in an effective manner.’
- Lily from ActionAid Australia
Internship Eligibility

Applicants are placed on a best-fit basis. Entry into this program is competitive and based on the eligibility criteria, applicability of academic studies and past experience to the placements, and the outcome of a Skype interview. Eligibility requirements include:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale or ‘B’ or better on the ECTS grading scale
- At least one year of university study completed

Though every effort is made to place eligible applicants, placement is competitive and not guaranteed.

Enrichment Opportunities

Students will also have the opportunity to take seminars led by world leading academics at the University of Sydney covering topics such as

- Australian History
- Indigenous Culture and History

Social Program

Alongside the internship, a mentoring program and series of social events will also be held to provide opportunities to network with other virtual students, as well as full degree students here at the University of Sydney.

How Previous Virtual Interns Described Their Internships

"Relaxed, informal, and friendly"
Soren, Lehigh University

"Inclusive, passionate, empowering"
Katie, Washington University in St. Louis

Important Dates and Fees

Intensive intake: Mon 31 May – Fri 9 July 2021
Semester intake: Mon 9 August - Fri 19 November 2021
Application Deadline: 31 March 2021
Program Fee: $3075 AUD

For more information

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