



Business Information Systems Program

The Business Information Systems Program (BIS program) is run by the University of South Australia in cooperation with affiliated industry representatives. The program, which utilises an interactive approach, places selected students with partner organisations to undertake a work project. The ongoing success and recognition of the program guarantees a steady supply of high quality student applicants, delivering both short-term and long-term benefits to industry partners.

The BIS program produces quality graduates that have both ICT *and* business knowledge. Consequently, graduates of the program are of greater value to their employer/partner organisations, more attuned to their needs and better equipped with the necessary skills to meet employer demands.

Benefits to partners include:

- the services of a handpicked Masters student with a well-established record of academic success
- the completion of a student project that is of real value to the partner organisation
- direct recruitment access to the most talented new business graduates in the State
- the opportunity to recruit students who have been mentored within the partner's own organisation
- firsthand information about the available level of student capabilities
- the opportunity to provide mutually beneficial input to the development of information systems education by participation in the Industry Alliance Program Advisory Committee which oversees the BIS program
- automatic membership of the Industry Alliance Program, providing wide benefits to any organisation through seminars, professional development, solution development and research, and student placement opportunities in addition to those available under the BIS Program (<http://www.cis.unisa.edu.au/iap/>)
- increased status and recognition within the ICT community
- opportunities to network with other partner organisations.

Partner responsibilities:

- Partners will host a student for four months in the first and second years of their agreement with the University.
- Partners participate in the student allocation process to ensure that the student selected for placement in the partner's organisation will meet, as far as is practicable, the student's and organisation's expectations.
- During the placement, the partner organisation will assess the student's performance and provide guidance through an internal mentor.
- Partners are expected to attend the student's final presentation of the work completed at the sponsor's organisation.

Examples of partner organisations:

- ABB Grain
- Adelaide City Council
- Centrelink
- Department of Education and Children's Services
- ETSA Utilities
- National Pharmacies
- SA Water Corporation
- UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide.

Cost to partners

- The cost to partners is \$9000 per annum, which the University pays to the student in the form of a stipend.

For further information:

visit the BIS website at <http://bis.unisa.edu.au/> or contact

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