Collaboration

The Engineering Internship Program is a collaboration between The Australian National University and the University of South Australia.

It is expected the demand from students and placement organisations will grow, with the intention it will expand to become a national program serving the higher education sector in the future.

The aim of this program is to create a placement centre that:

- Provides industry with a mechanism to interact with students for future potential recruitment
- Identifies the most suitable candidates for the available placements and manages the administrative processes up until the commencement with the employer
- Provides students with an opportunity to undertake a 15 week paid internship to become exposed to industry or research practice in an area most relevant to their interests
- Promotes supported mobility options for students / graduates.

This will be achieved through:

- Creating an industry/research internship program for engineering students
- Developing an interactive relationship development program between industry, ANU and UniSA
- Creating a database of placement opportunities
- Developing contract/IP templates for placements
- Developing guidelines for the scope, depth and supervision of placements
- Developing guidelines for placement reporting requirements

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# Engineering Internship Program

Facilitate the recruitment of fresh, up and coming engineers

- Gain direct access to skilled and enthusiastic students
- Shape the graduate that you want
- Access a cost effective and efficient recruitment strategy

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Overview

Australia is currently facing an engineering skills crisis. Demand for graduate engineers across Australia is at an all-time high with no sign of slowing. In response to this skills shortage, the Australian National University (ANU) and the University of South Australia (UniSA) have collaborated to develop the Engineering Internship Program. This program aims to provide a flexible training environment for undergraduate and graduate learning.

A recent Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) report based on the Views of Engineering Students indicated around 45% of graduates found employment at the same site where they conducted their work placement.

Graduates participating in the Engineering Internship Program will benefit from the complementary strengths of ANU and UniSA’s interactive and flexible learning environment as they meet the industry demand for skilled engineers.

Benefits for Industry

Internships offer a wide range of immediate benefits for industry including:

- The opportunity to trial prospective employees with no obligation to provide future employment
- Securing quality graduates for potential employment
- Yearly direct access to skilled and enthusiastic students with all administrative processes facilitated by the placement centre
- A cost-effective and efficient recruitment strategy that is specific to your requirements
- The ability to quickly respond to high demand periods and increased workloads
- Introducing existing staff to fresh ideas and different perspectives

Demonstrate your corporate commitment to the sector by participating in this important Government initiative. A placement in your company will create graduates with industry-ready skills therefore enhancing the engineering skills available locally.

Testimonials

“I would highly recommend the engineering internship program for both students and industry. The knowledge that was passed on to me from experienced engineers was like nothing I have learnt before – I am sure this will enhance my employability and skills to offer an employer.”

Matthew Wilson
Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Mechatronic)
University of South Australia

“Jyo joined us on a 15 week engineering internship and identified several opportunities to produce savings in both materials and services that will be passed on to our client. The internship was a great success for all concerned.”

Colin Smith
Transfield Services (Australia) Pty Ltd

“My Asea Brown Boveri Ltd internship experience gave me invaluable industry experience. I have been able to draw on the experience and knowledge gained during my internship in all of my applications and I believe the industry experience with a global company will put me above other applicants.”

Tamara Perry
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